

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful self-improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture that centers around the universal principals of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance and it consists of five

gentle exercises, including meditation; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Falun Dafa has helped millions across the world to improve their health and moral standards, as well as deepen their understanding of life, humanity and the universe; and

WHEREAS, transcending culture and racial boundaries, more than 100 million people in over 100 countries have become happier, healthier and more altruistic through their practice of Falun Dafa, and World Falun Dafa Day celebrates the benefits that this great practice has brought to our society; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public in 1992 and to Dallas-Fort Worth in 1996; since then, free introductory classes by volunteers have been held in public places such as city libraries and public parks, and practitioners have become a part of society's fabric; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners' determination and courage to stand up for Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance while facing severe persecution from the Chinese Communist Party has shown the world the value of life and the preciousness of human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area will celebrate World Falun Dafa Day on May 13.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2021 as

FALUN DAFA DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 26^{th} day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

MAYOR MAYOR