

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community of Arlington is a vital component to our diverse and inclusive population, that contributes to our economy, education and the arts - and its involvement is celebrated within our city and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** the LGBT community has worked tirelessly for respect, equality and their very right to exist for decades; and

**WHEREAS,** their battles have been fought in the courts, from marriage equality to demanding equal protection under the law, culminating in the Supreme Court's recent decision to extend federal civil rights workplace protections to LGBT employees; and

**WHEREAS,** real progress has been made toward acceptance and equality, more work is needed to combat discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of June is designated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred 52 years ago and is recognized as the catalyst for the movement that has brought so much positive change in the last decade; and

**WHEREAS,** Arlington is committed to protecting the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities to strengthen our city and to create a solid, unified society where hatred and inequality of any group is unacceptable.

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

## **GAY PRIDE MONTH IN ARLINGTON**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*



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MAYOR