

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** H.O.P.E. Tutoring was founded in 1996 by the congregation at Aldersgate United Methodist Church to provide free tutoring to neighborhood children in grades 3 through 8; and

**WHEREAS,** inspired by Nila Geisel, H.O.P.E. Tutoring has provided free one-on-one tutoring to more than 2,000 students in the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing the efforts of many caring volunteers, including Board President Kevin Walters, students' grades and attitude have generally shown a 90% improvement through the help of H.O.P.E.'s tutors; and

**WHEREAS,** H.O.P.E. Tutoring met the challenge of a global pandemic by adding virtual tutoring when in-person tutoring was not possible; and

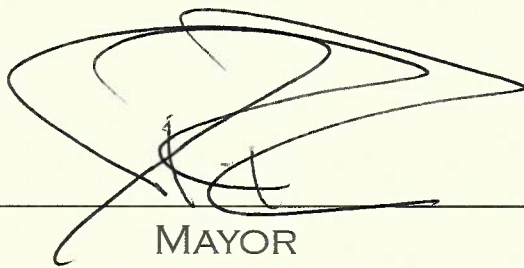
**WHEREAS,** H.O.P.E. Tutoring continues to offer virtual tutoring as well as in-person tutoring at local churches, McNutt Elementary, and three Arlington Public Library branches; and

**WHEREAS,** still committed as much today as it was in 1996 to help nurture students and to be a good neighbor to those in need, H.O.P.E. Tutoring will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 27, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Ross, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, and in recognition of 25 years of service to our youth, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2021, as

## **H.O.P.E. TUTORING CENTER DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*



MAYOR

