

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** our country is strengthened by the many cultures and peoples that live in America and contribute greatly to our society, economy, and way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Arlington has enjoyed a long history of friendship and cooperation with the Filipino-American community in the DFW Metroplex since the early 1950s; and

**WHEREAS,** Filipino families have made significant contributions to the local economy over the years as business owners and members of the medical, scientific, educational, financial, and engineering professions; and

**WHEREAS,** while Filipino Americans celebrate their unique and rich history, culture, and traditions, they also share values that are common throughout America, such as love of freedom, dedication to family, and service to community; and

**WHEREAS,** this year, the Filipinos are celebrating the 123rd anniversary of Philippine Independence from Spanish colonial rule, and concurrently the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bataan Death March, which now symbolizes the strong and lasting kinship between Filipinos and Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Arlington City Center Plaza, members of the community will join together in a flag raising ceremony in honor of Philippine Independence Day.

**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 12, 2021 as**

## **PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*



MAYOR