

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the City of Arlington has been a partner with United Way of Tarrant County and the Internal Revenue Service for over ten years to ensure that Arlington residents have access to free tax preparation services and related financial stability resources; and

**WHEREAS,** United Way provided a grant to the City of Arlington to operate three Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in key neighborhoods at the EAST Library and Recreation Center, Arlington Human Services Center, and Tarrant County College Southeast Campus; and to Foundation Communities for a VITA site at Shadow Brook Apartments; and

**WHEREAS,** VITA services foster economic prosperity for families and communities by enabling households to access earned income tax credits, child tax credits, and savings plans; and

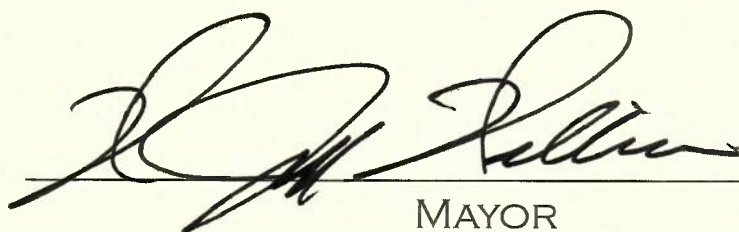
**WHEREAS,** successful VITA programs depend on quality staff, partners, and volunteers, and each group has worked tirelessly, particularly during the pandemic, to bring free community tax services to low-income households in Arlington; and

**WHEREAS,** because of the VITA program in Arlington, 2,787 households were able to receive free community tax preparation services, bringing \$5,411,199 in refunds to Arlington residents

**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 29, 2021 as**

## **VITA STAFF, PARTNER, AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*

  
MAYOR

