

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a remarkable generation of Americans rose to defend our country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents from the rural community of Arlington, Texas were among those who answered the call to arms, serving in every corner of the earth during the war years; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 students from North Texas Agricultural College readily joined the sacred cause, pledging their very lives in the global battle for freedom; and

WHEREAS, countless members of this community, residents and students alike, served in harm's way during World War II, enduring great hardship and suffering heavy casualties on battlefields across Europe, North Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

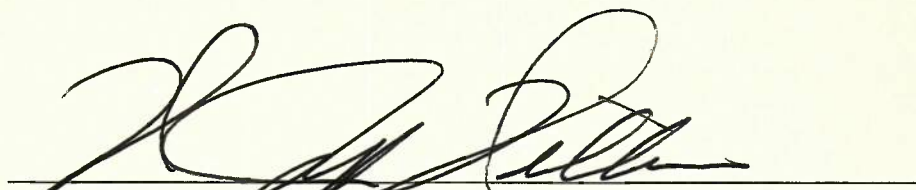
WHEREAS, we are gathered here today to dedicate two monuments in memory of their immeasurable sacrifice and the great debt we owe them and their comrades-in-arms; and

WHEREAS, these monuments, including the Colonel Neel Kearby Statue and the area they each now encompass, represent a long overdue and heartfelt tribute to our World War II generation and their priceless gift of freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim this site to be known as:

THE ARLINGTON WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

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


MAYOR

