

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA) – known now as the Barbershop Harmony Society – was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS,** what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into an international organization spanning the United States, Canada, and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America, and enriches cultural life through wholesome family entertainment in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society promotes music education in our schools through music scholarships, and brings harmony singing to tens of thousands of students each year; and

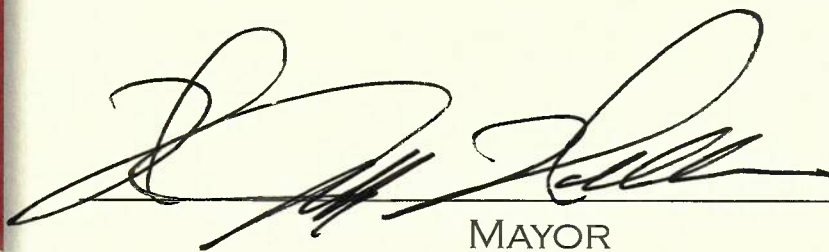
**WHEREAS,** Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service, charitable giving, and philanthropy both locally and nationally; and

**WHEREAS,** we applaud and honor the Arlington Goodtimes Chorus and all its members for continuing distinguished service to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2020 as**

## **BARBERSHOP QUARTET DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.*

  
MAYOR

