

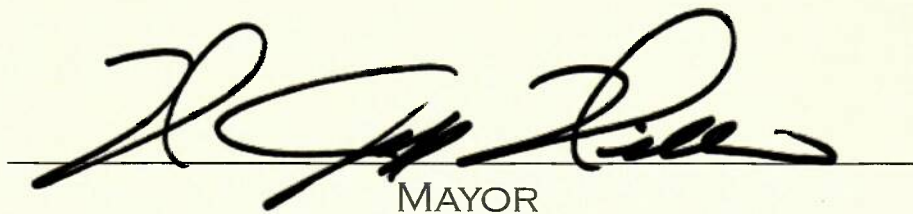
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** this designation will formalize and expand upon the designation 34 years ago of March 1986 as “Hemophilia Awareness Month” by President Ronald Reagan; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March 2016 as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and;
- WHEREAS,** 25 state and 54 local governments, in 2019, passed a proclamation/resolution declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** Bleeding disorder advocates, during this month, wear a red material around their necks (e.g. leis, scarves, ties); and
- WHEREAS,** over 1000 advocates, in 2019, wore red to their state capitols; and
- WHEREAS,** these bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and
- WHEREAS,** many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and
- WHEREAS,** this Awareness Month in Arlington, Texas will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease—which alone impacts an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** this Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and
- WHEREAS,** this Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020, as:

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 20th day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.


MAYOR

