

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Norwegian Society of Texas was formed on March 8, 1975, to preserve and promote the Norwegian heritage of its members; and

**WHEREAS,** in observance of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the North Texas Chapters are pleased to host His Excellency Geir Haarde, Icelandic Ambassador to the United States, for this weekend of celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** Ambassador Haarde was born in Iceland with Norwegian heritage, earned a scholarship to Brandeis University in Massachusetts where he received his B.A. in Economics, followed by an M.A. in International Relations from John Hopkins University and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS,** Ambassador Haarde began his career as an economist prior to his post as political advisor to Iceland's finance minister, was elected to the legislature in 1987, serving in The Althing for over 20 years before being elected Prime Minister in 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** in January 2015, Geir Haarde became Iceland's Ambassador to the United States, continuing his career in public service; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Arlington joins the Norwegian Society of Texas in welcoming Ambassador Geir Haarde to our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim the October 16, 2015 as

## **AMBASSADOR GEIR HAARDE DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.*

  
MAYOR

