

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of the ADA can be seen in the lives it has changed throughout the past 25 years – this landmark legislation helps protect the rights of people with disabilities in five key areas: employment, state and local government facilities and services, public accommodations, telecommunications and transportation; and

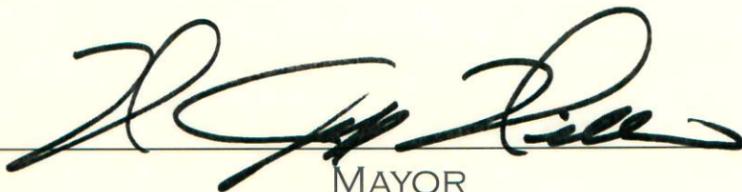
**WHEREAS**, the ADA not only protects people with disabilities from discrimination, but also allows them to fully participate in the workforce and their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arlington celebrates the progress of the past 25 years and reaffirms our commitment to the principles of equality and inclusion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby recognize July 26, 2015 as

## **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 4th day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.*

  
MAYOR

