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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Arlington Fire Department are among the very finest in the nation: Apparatus Operator Jason Adams and Firefighter Danny Martin have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the citizens of Arlington and the department through their commitment to the Community Paramedic Program; and

WHEREAS, the AFD wanted to assist our community with an improved allocation of health resources following the enactment of the Affordable Care Act: a 90-day pilot Community Paramedic Program, in collaboration with our local hospitals and AMR, started with specific goals: to improve patient outcomes/quality of life, lessen EMS system demand, and lower healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, patients voluntarily enrolled in the program where specially trained paramedics made proactive, preventive "house calls" to provide education on management of their health conditions, medication reconciliation, diet, home safety risks and regular health monitoring;

WHEREAS, the 90-day pilot results: 9-1-1 responses reduced by 158, emergency room visits dropped by 60%, hospitalizations dropped 85%; results so successful that a one-year in-depth study was launched; and

WHEREAS, Jason Adams and Danny Martin were instrumental in starting the Community Paramedic Program, being the first Paramedics to attend the physician taught highly specialized training required for this program. Their tireless efforts and commitment to the Program directly resulted in its success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2016 as

FIREFIGHTER DANNY MARTIN DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 10th day of May in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

MAYOR

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