

Proclamation

WHEREAS, January 24, 2016 marks the 25th Church Anniversary Observance for Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Greater Community has been instrumental in raising the spiritual and moral consciousness of Arlington and its citizenry – working with the City of Arlington, the University of Texas at Arlington, and the Arlington Ministerial Alliance following the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church tragedy in Charleston to reaffirm the highest principle of our humanity: that we are our brother's keeper and that an attack on the church anywhere is an attack on the church everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Greater Community has been instrumental in reducing gang activity, violence, and crime in our community, dedicated to strengthening the community through Christian educational opportunities among our youth to reduce drop-out rates and increase opportunity for success; and

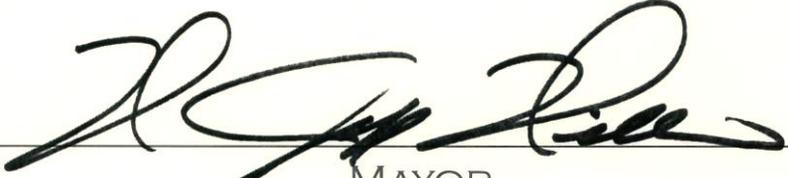
WHEREAS, Greater Community has been a stalwart supporter of our men and women in uniform while working with the City of Arlington, the NAACP, and the Tarrant County District Attorney to give voice to the voiceless who have suffered great injury at the hands of those who failed in their responsibility to protect and serve - reaffirming the great human rights principle that a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere; and

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend this expression of the City of Arlington's appreciation and best wishes to the members of this congregation on such a memorable occasion as this anniversary.

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 January 24, 2016 as

GREAT COMMUNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 22nd day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.


MAYOR

