

Proclamation

WHEREAS, H.O.P.E. Tutoring was founded in 1996 by the congregation at Aldersgate United Methodist Church to provide free tutoring to neighborhood children in grades 3 through 8; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Nila Geisel, H.O.P.E. Tutoring has provided free one-on-one tutoring to more than 1800 students in the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the efforts of many caring volunteers, including Board President and tutor Ben Pate, students grades and attitude have generally shown a 90% improvement though the help of H.O.P.E.'s tutors; and

WHEREAS, H.O.P.E. Tutoring now operates six sites in Arlington: Good Shepard United Methodist Church, Epworth United Methodist Church, 1st Presbyterian Church Arlington, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, St. Matthew Catholic Church, and Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, still committed as much today as it was in 1996 to help nurture students and to be a good neighbor to those in need, H.O.P.E. Tutoring will celebrate their 20th Anniversary with "Night of HOPE" on April 9, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, and in recognition of 20 years of service to our youth, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2016 as

H.O.P.E. TUTORING CENTER DAY

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



MAYOR

