

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

WHEREAS, the victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, including both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front, and the nearly 300,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding led by the United States to restore the societies of both their allies and former foes alike, and the formation of an array of organizations and institutions which helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country; and

WHEREAS, the World War II generation, military personnel and civilians alike, has provided a model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the United States and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2015, as

SPIRIT OF '45 DAY

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


MAYOR

