

Proclamation

WHEREAS, an environment of segregation and distrust has existed between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland for centuries; and

WHEREAS, often, the Catholic/Protestant line is drawn so sharply that teens from one side do not have an opportunity to meet teens from the other; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster Project was founded based on the recognition that a need exists for tolerance, understanding, and friendship between these groups; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster Project is a program whereby youth of Northern Ireland are paired with young people of similar experience and religious background in the United States, and it provides an important opportunity to improve the conditions between Protestant and Catholic teens in Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arlington are pleased to participate in Ulster Project 2015 and warmly welcome teenagers and adult counselors from the Province of Ulster to our community.

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

ULSTER PROJECT MONTH

in Arlington and commend both visitor and host families for their participation in this project designed to sow the seeds of peace for the next generation in Northern Ireland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 29th day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand fifteen.


MAYOR

