

# City of Arlington Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the YWCA is committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of April 22-26 this year, hundreds of thousands of people across the nation gather with the YWCA to spread awareness about the root causes of racism and to encourage conversations among members of diverse communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arlington supports the YWCA mission and works to eliminate racial inequity through internal practices, citywide initiatives, and partnerships with other institutions and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, racism prevents individuals from fully participating in and contributing to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arlington and the YWCA believe that individuals and communities must be engaged in a conversation about racism and pledge, with one voice, to stand against racism; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all people in dialogue, reflection, and action.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Tolbert, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 22-26, 2019 as

## **STAND AGAINST RACISM WEEK**

and encourage all citizens of Arlington to make a personal commitment to Stand Against Racism in our community.

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Mayor Barbara Tolbert