

WHEREAS, the Eritrean-American Community will celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Eritrea on May 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, today, we celebrate the remarkable ways in which Eritrean-Americans have had an insightful and positive influence on our city; and

WHEREAS, the Eritrean-American community has made significant contributions to the growth, prosperity and overall development to the city of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Eritrean communities across America commemorate the anniversary of Eritrean Independence, the city of Dallas is honored to celebrate the deeds and contributions of its residents of Eritrean heritage, and extends best wishes for a positive and gratifying Eritrean Interdependence Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE RAWLINGS, mayor of the city of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby extend special recognition on this 24th day of May 2013 in celebration of

ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

A DAY OF CELEBRATION OF THE ERITHAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

in Dallas, Texas.

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Office of the Mayor



WHEREAS: Eritrea, one of Africa's newest and youngest nations located in the Horn of

Africa declared its independence 22 years ago after 30 years of armed struggle. The Eritrean community in Garland hopes to increase public awareness of the rich history of Eritrea and those fallen to liberate the

country; and

WHEREAS: Garland has been enriched by the presence and contributions of its citizens of

Eritrean descent, and recognizes their important role to the cultural, civic

and commercial life of our city; and

WHEREAS: Every year worldwide, Eritrean communities observe the country's

independence. Garland expresses best wishes for Eritrea's prosperity and the

success of its people for the years to come; and

WHEREAS: as the local Eritrean community commemorates the 22nd anniversary of

Eritrean Independence, the City of Garland is proud to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of its residents of Eritrean heritage and extends best wishes to all for a wonderful and rewarding Eritrean

Independence Day; and

WHEREAS: members of the City Council recognize the Eritrean community in Garland

and congratulate them on their 22nd Independence Day on May 24, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Athas, Mayor of the City of Garland, Texas, along with the

City Council do hereby proclaim May 24, 2013 as:

"Eritrean Independence Day"

in Garland, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Garland, Texas, to be affixed on this 24th day of May 2013.



Mayor, the City of Garland