

# Office of the Mayor

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**WHEREAS:** Eritrea, one of Africa's newest and youngest nations located in the Horn of Africa declared its independence 23 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

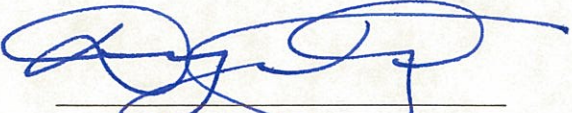
**WHEREAS:** members of the City Council recognize the Eritrean community in Garland and congratulate them on their 23<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day on May 24, 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Athas, Mayor of the City of Garland, Texas, along with the City Council do hereby proclaim May 24, 2014 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.**



  
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*Mayor, the City of Garland*



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



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**WHEREAS**, the Eritrean-American Community will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Eritrea on May 24, 2014; 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**, the 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 Independence Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS**, mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 24, 2014 as

**ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE DAY  
A DAY OF CELEBRATION OF THE ERITREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

in Dallas, Texas.

  
Mayor, The City of Dallas

