

# Proclamation

*be it proclaimed by the Mayor*

## Town of Addison

**Whereas**, Gary C. Thomas joined DART in 1998 as the senior vice president of project management with nearly 20 years of experience as an engineer and architect, consulting on national and international projects, including DART projects dating to 1986; and

**Whereas**, Gary was appointed President/Executive Director in 2001 when DART's rail system was only 20-miles long and led the agency to provide North Texas residents with the longest light rail network in the country at 93-miles; and

**Whereas**, under his steadfast leadership, Gary forged the agency into an award-winning transit model, providing residents across DART's 700-square mile service area with a world-class public transit network; and

**Whereas**, with a focus on ensuring that DART continue to serve as a mobility and economic engine for the long-term benefit of the entire region, Gary developed polices that engaged development projects near DART light rail stations, generating billions of dollars in enhanced value and jobs for the local economy while providing increased mobility opportunities that improved the quality of life of North Texas residents; and

**Whereas**, as a champion of the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) service model, Gary led the effort to make DART's multimodal transit system flexible, reliable, affordable; and

**Whereas**, through determination and a focus on the long-term benefit to the North Texas region, Gary built DART into the model of a modern 21st century transit system.

**Now, therefore, I, Joe Chow, Mayor of the Town of Addison and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize:**

**Gary C. Thomas Day**

*Dutifully executed this day February 9, 2021*



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Mayor, Town of Addison, State of Texas

