***PROCLAMATION from the***

***Office of the Mayor***



**WHEREAS,** October serves as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth is the non-profit leader in helping people with disabilities achieve maximum independence in their communities around Tarrant County; and,

**WHEREAS,** Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth provides an extensive variety of programs and services for people with disabilities and/or disadvantages to be self-sufficient citizens, serving 42,768 people in 2013 in Tarrant County and surrounding areas; and,

**WHEREAS,** 93% of all revenue generated by Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth goes toward an extensive variety of job training and placement services for disabled and/or disadvantaged individuals seeking to be self-sufficient citizens in Tarrant County; and,

**WHEREAS,** based on the vision of founder Edgar J. Helms in 1902, Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth believes in a hand up, not a hand out, and that lives of *dependence* can be transformed into lives of *independence* through the power of work; and,

**WHEREAS,** Goodwill Industries International Inc. is the largest employer of people with disabilities in the world, creating a global effort to helping people with disabilities, **NOW THEREFORE:**

I, Walter Bowen, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth, and on behalf of the Lake Worth City Council, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2014, as

**Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth**

**Helping People With Disabilities Day**

in the City of Lake Worth.

Walter Bowen, Mayor