

# Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor | City of Farmers Branch*

- WHEREAS** On June 6, 1874, James A. Smith Masonic Lodge #395 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas and was named in honor of Reverend James A. Smith; and
- WHEREAS** Reverend James A. Smith was the first minister to establish a Methodist Church in Dallas County; and
- WHEREAS** The Lodge moved to Farmers Branch Texas in 1898 to promote the Principal Tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and
- WHEREAS** The James A. Smith Lodge continues to serve the City of Farmers Branch through community involvement, the adoption of Blair Elementary School, and their support of those who serve our City as First Responders; and
- WHEREAS** The James A. Smith Lodge celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 6, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Lynne**, Mayor of the City of Farmers Branch, do hereby honor the James A. Smith Masonic Lodge #395 for their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and celebrate their achievements.

*Given this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.*

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**Terry Lynne, Mayor**