

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2018, Lewisville resident Joe Derrick became aware of Duke, a resident within the City of Lewisville who had a need for assistance, and,

WHEREAS, In January of 2019, Joe came across Duke sitting in a chair in a shopping center holding a sign saying “cannot hear, need help.” Joe stopped to speak with Duke and slowly, overtime, was able to befriend him; and,

WHEREAS, with Joe’s assistance, Duke’s hearing aids have been adjusted allowing his ability to hear to improve, he has applied for his Social Security benefits, renewed his driver’s license, accomplished getting his vehicle inspected, worked to straighten out his credit and acquired a bank account; and,

WHEREAS, Duke had lived in a small vehicle for more than two years; however, Joe was able to assist him in getting a used four-door sedan that allows him to have more space; and,

WHEREAS, Joe’s goal now is to work with Duke to improve his credit rating so he can qualify for an apartment. Because of Joe’s example, other neighbors also have stepped up to assist Duke with food and gift cards to keep him going; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Derrick is just one man giving his time and energy to uplift a man in need, while remaining aware that Duke is just one of many that need assistance; and,

WHEREAS, Joe has stated that what he is doing “is the right thing” as he shares his experiences and learned lessons with others to help them through the bumps and hurdles they might experience as they work to help others in a similar situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Durham, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council do hereby recognize March 2, 2020 as:

“Joe Derrick Day”

in the City of Lewisville, Texas and I encourage all citizens to join me and the Lewisville City Council as we acknowledge Joe Derrick’s humble and dedicated approach to help a person in need; and encourage all of us to follow his example of kindness and compassion.

PROCLAIMED this the 2nd day of March, 2020.

Rudy Durham, Mayor
City of Lewisville