## Office of the Mayor City of Fayetteville Proclamation



WHEREAS:

since 1979, citizens of Fayetteville have gathered annually at the University of Arkansas around the anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to remember the loss of life and the destruction caused by wars, and

WHEREAS:

the proliferation of nuclear weapons and missile defense systems throughout the world costs hundreds of billions of dollars and estimates of nuclear waste disposal costs are upwards to fifty billion dollars, and

WHEREAS:

the 20th century has witnessed the development of new skills in conflict resolution, international peacekeeping and a burgeoning human rights system, encouraging the hope that our culture can become one of promoting peace and constructive cooperation, and

WHEREAS:

the United Nations General Assembly seeks individual commitment via the Manifesto 2000 to make this decade a time "to transform...the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and nonviolence", and

WHEREAS:

the Manifesto 2000 further states that each individual may share in his or her "responsibility for the future of humanity, in particular, to the children of today and tomorrow,"

WHEREAS:

this year marks the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary the first bomb that was dropped on the Japanese City of Hiroshima,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim August 6, 2017 as a day of

"REMEMBRANCE OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI"

in Fayetteville and encourage each of us to honor our peacemakers and renew our commitment to the prevention of such suffering in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 6th day of August 2017.

Attest:

Sondra E. Smith

