

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fayetteville  
**Proclamation**



**WHEREAS:** during Black History Month we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development as a Nation, and

**WHEREAS:** African Americans have played a central role in our Nation's history, however much of what has been accomplished has remained unrecognized and uncelebrated, and

**WHEREAS:** with the events of Black History Month, we seek to teach our children that America's story was written by men and women of every race and that story will continue to be told through the lives that they themselves live, and

**WHEREAS:** Black History Month reminds us of the struggles and personal sacrifices of African Americans and honors the great imprint they have made upon our country's landscape, and

**WHEREAS:** in the City of Fayetteville we encourage everyone to discover, appreciate and commemorate the history of African Americans in our City and in the State of Arkansas during this month of celebration and beyond, and

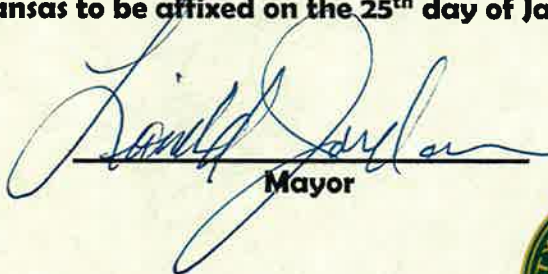
**WHEREAS:** the City of Fayetteville recognizes that Black lives matter in Fayetteville – past, present, and future. We are committed to sustaining and creating African American participation, visibility, and engagement in every aspect of our city's culture. We extend our open heart, open mind, and open door principles. Our city's commitment is to inclusion and diversity to every African American citizen in Fayetteville now and in the years to come,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2016 as**

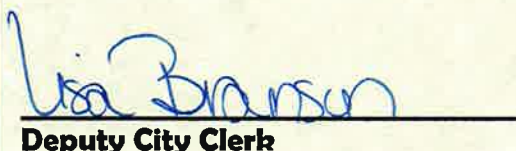
**"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Deputy City Clerk

