

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: Bridge of Peace Syria, a nonprofit humanitarian aid organization formed in 1987 and located in Fayetteville, Arkansas, is dedicated to providing material aid to help Syrian refugee families who have been displaced by the war inside Syria and who have little access to food, water, shelter, education or other life essentials, and

WHEREAS: since December 2013, prompted by the hundreds of thousands killed by the brutal war in Syria, Bridge of Peace Syria has directed their humanitarian efforts toward those refugees, primarily women and children, who remain inside their own country but who are without adequate shelter or other life needs, and

WHEREAS: to begin this worthy effort, Bridge of Peace Syria funded the purchase and delivery of emergency needs such as food, baby milk, thick blankets, warm winter clothing and fuel for heating, and

WHEREAS: since the fall of 2015, as part of their vision "*From Camp to Village*", Bridge of Peace Syria has completed some major infrastructure projects at the Al Waleed Refugee Camp near the Turkish border, such as construction of a well water drinking system and the building of 14 one-room houses for residents, and

WHEREAS: the most current project underway at Al Waleed Refugee Camp is the construction of a school for the 120 refugee children who will be living in this camp for a long time as they have no homes or cities to which to they can return, and

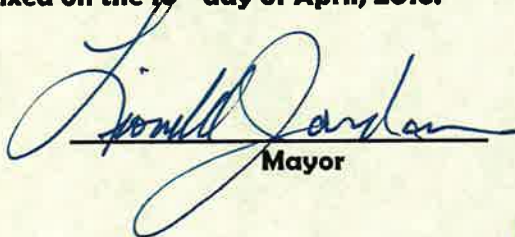
WHEREAS: it has been the contributions of the Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas community that have made the building of this Bridge to Peace school possible, and

WHEREAS: the proceeds from the silent auction of *Peace Bells, Magic Lanterns and a Potpourri of Pottery* by artist John Ward will help to make the completion of this school a reality for these 120 refugee children and an inspiration for the Al Waleed and neighboring refugee camps,

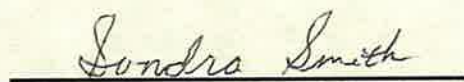
NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 10, 2016 as

"BRIDGE OF PEACE SYRIA DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 10th day of April, 2016.


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

