

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: May is recognized nationally each year as Foster Care Month and this year's national theme is *"Honoring, Uniting and Celebrating Families"*, and

WHEREAS: today there are over 4,800 children in foster care statewide with 25% of those children from Washington County, and

WHEREAS: all young people deserve the chance to dream and grow but when children lack stable homes and strong support structures, they face enormous barriers to reaching their fullest potential, and

WHEREAS: all children should have a fair chance at success, no matter who they are or where they come from and one important factor in this is the love and support of a family, and

WHEREAS: during National Foster Care Month, we recommit to caring for all our children and we reaffirm our basic belief that there is a place for everyone and no young person should feel like they are on their own, and

WHEREAS: each day we continue to fight to secure every child's right to earn their piece of the American dream and each year selfless men and women of all backgrounds step up and serve as loving parents, opening their homes and hearts to provide that opportunity to children in foster care in our state, and

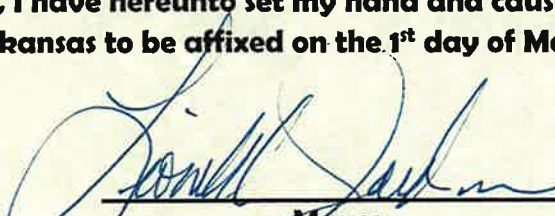
WHEREAS: this month we honor the young people in foster care and those who dedicate themselves to making a difference in their lives,

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

"FOSTER CARE MONTH"


in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to recognize the large and small ways we can brighten the future of a foster child this month and every month and to encourage a foster family in the good work they do.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1st day of May, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

