

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: in the mid-nineteenth century, the newly created state of Arkansas needed an efficient means of transportation to speed its development and get goods to market elsewhere, and

WHEREAS: the rapid expansion of railroads following the Civil War provided the single most important force for change in the nation and in Arkansas, and

WHEREAS: in the years that followed reconstruction, railroads such as the Kansas City Southern and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway (the Frisco, which came through Fayetteville) tied most of the state's major towns and agricultural regions into the national rail network, and

WHEREAS: the railroads not only made it possible for Arkansan's to ship locally produced materials out of the state, it paved the way for products manufactured by the new industrial system to come into Arkansas; everything from processed food to furniture began to appear in local stores, and

WHEREAS: Fayetteville, along with many other Arkansas cities, was profoundly impacted, both in economic terms and in our population patterns by the advent of the railroad, and

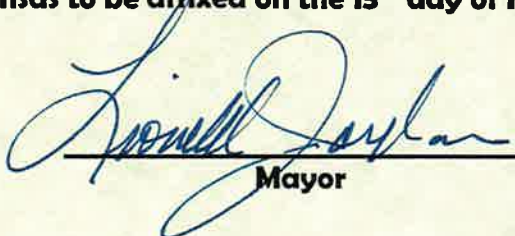
WHEREAS: for more than 100 years, trains have served us as mechanisms of travel, as a means of economic progress and as the vehicle on which generations of young boys and girls built their dreams of the future,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Friday, May 13, 2016 as

“TRAIN DAY”

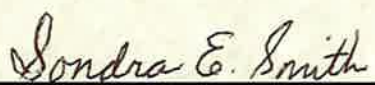
in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to enjoy the bounty that has been made possible by the advent of trains to our region and to remember the thrill as a child of counting the train cars as they passed us by and dreaming of going to the distant places that train would travel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 13th day of May, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

