

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: powerful public activism and strategic organizing from the disability community led to the passage of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, and

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WHEREAS: this law serves as a reminder of the importance of a just and inclusive society that opposes segregation and prejudice. With nearly 1 in 5 Americans experiencing a disability, we honor those disability activists who fought courageously for the ADA with creativity and determination, from writing letters to legislators, to staging protests at the White House, to abandoning wheelchairs and crutches to crawl up the steps of the capitol to demand passage of the law. We acknowledge their dedication to achieving equity; and

WHEREAS: the Americans with Disabilities Act has expanded opportunities for people with disabilities to participate as valued, active members in their communities, and

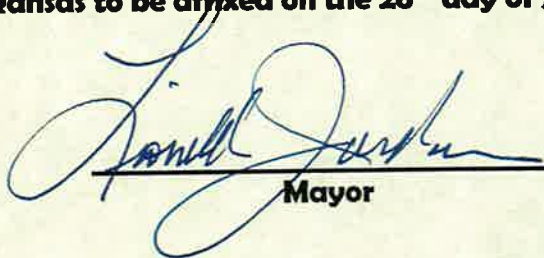
WHEREAS: Fayetteville, Arkansas affirms the principles of liberty, equity and inclusion for persons with disabilities as embodied in the ADA,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim July 26, 2015 as

“AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY”


in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation and respect to the many people who fought for this historic civil rights law, which has made our community a better and more equitable place for all of us to live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 26th day of July, 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

