

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



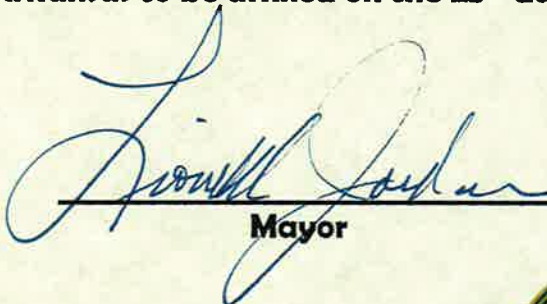
- WHEREAS:** in the summer of 1979, then President Jimmy Carter first proclaimed the month of June as Black Music Month, and
- WHEREAS:** almost 30 years later, the State of Arkansas began to acknowledge the holiday in its own way, thanks in large part to the vision and engagement of community stakeholders and partners including NWA Events Unlimited, and
- WHEREAS:** for centuries, African-American musicians have shaped our Nation and helped tell our story. By melding enduring truths with new sounds, they have pioneered entire genres and contributed to the foundation of our musical landscape – capturing an essential part of who we are as Americans, and
- WHEREAS:** with all the energy and diversity here in the Natural State, the stirring sounds of the American experience have expanded our minds and lifted our souls, helping us to better understand ourselves and one another, and
- WHEREAS:** this month, let us remember the essential role music plays in breaking the barriers of our time and guiding us toward a more inclusive and more equal tomorrow here in the great State of Arkansas,

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


**“BLACK MUSIC 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 June, 2015.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

