

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation

WHEREAS: James Madison, the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives," and

WHEREAS: every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to access to government meetings and public records, and

WHEREAS: an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens, and

WHEREAS: the protection of every person's right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of the City of Fayetteville, and

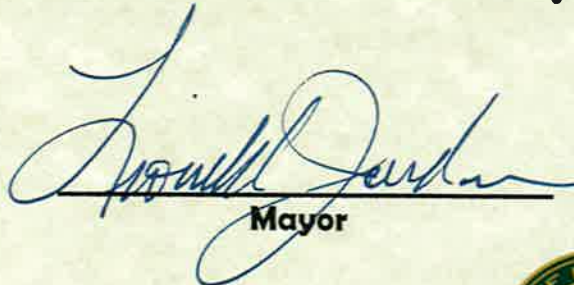
WHEREAS: the City of Fayetteville is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to set a standard in this regard,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2015 as

"SUNSHINE WEEK"

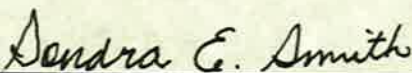
in Fayetteville, Arkansas commemorating the anniversary of James Madison's birth, and commits throughout the year to work diligently to enhance the public's access to government records and information, to increase information provided electronically and online, and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction and their committees are fully noticed and open to the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 16th day of March, 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

