

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



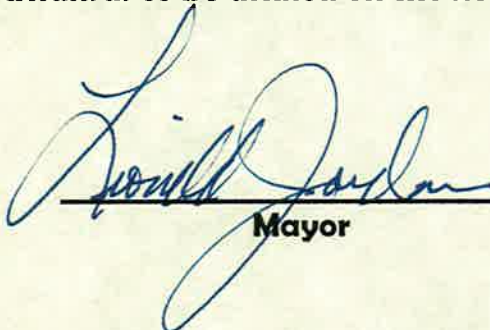
- WHEREAS:** the Transgender Day of Remembrance serves to raise public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people and to publicly mourn and honor the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten, and
- WHEREAS:** the Day of Remembrance provides an opportunity for anyone – transgender and non-transgender – to step forward and stand in vigil, memorializing those who have died by anti-transgender violence, and
- WHEREAS:** the Transgender Day of Remembrance was started on December 4, 1998 as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in November 1998, and
- WHEREAS:** this event is presented by Transgender Equality Network, and is sponsored by the Northwest Arkansas Center for Equality, HRC Arkansas, Arkansas Transgender Equality Coalition (ARTEC), and PFLAG, and
- WHEREAS:** as a city that respects and works to uphold equality, it is important that we break down the walls of discrimination and begin to believe that love is stronger than hate and hope is more powerful than insult or injury,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20, 2015 as**


**“TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”**

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 20<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2015.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

