

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** Velma Washington, daughter of Willie and Rosatta Ross, entered this life on September 25, 1915 in Winchester, Arkansas, and
- WHEREAS:** Velma graduated from high school in Pine Bluff, and later married L. C. Washington. To this union one daughter, Thelma Thomason was born, and
- WHEREAS:** in addition to being a wife and mother, Velma is the proud grandmother of five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and
- WHEREAS:** after spending some time in California, Velma returned to Fayetteville in 1978 and soon became known as the Taxi Driver for the Elderly, using her own vehicle and providing transportation to doctors' offices as far away as Little Rock, and
- WHEREAS:** Velma's hobbies include cooking (her fried pies could not be beaten), sewing, quilting, making rag rugs, and serving others, and
- WHEREAS:** Velma loves people and has never met a stranger. She is a member of the Historic St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, serving as a Sunday School teacher for many years as well as singing in the choir, and
- WHEREAS:** Velma has lived her 100 years caring for others and has seen a great many changes in the world around her. She is particularly grateful to have lived long enough to see the first African American President elected,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim September 25, 2015 as

"VELMA WASHINGTON DAY"


in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all citizens to join me in celebrating with Ms. Velma and honoring her for a long and productive life well lived.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 25th day of September, 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

