

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** Sickle Cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs, and
- WHEREAS:** although Sickle Cell affects approximately 100,000 Americans, it is the African American community that is most affected by Sickle Cell as one in 500 babies are born with the disease, and
- WHEREAS:** up to 1,200 Arkansans are currently living with this devastating disease, and
- WHEREAS:** Sickle Cell disease has a significant impact on an individual's quality of life, causing both physical and economic hardship, and often early death, and
- WHEREAS:** there is much to be done to promote development of better treatments, and provide screening, education and emotional support to patients of Sickle Cell disease and their families, and
- WHEREAS:** it is important that we continue to work to increase awareness of and support research for Sickle Cell disease,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2016 as

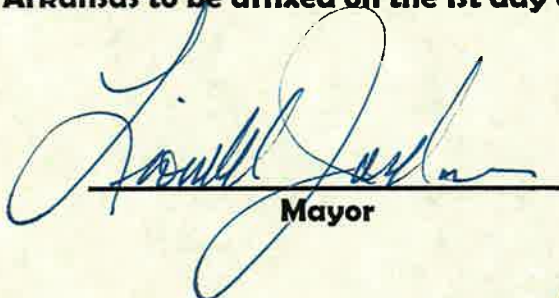
“SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and dedicate this month to

**Shaquille Nicholson,
(April 11, 1991 – December 31, 2015)**

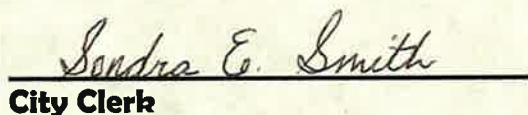
who fought the disease throughout his life and in whose memory we continue to wage the war.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1st day of September, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

