

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



**WHEREAS:** Mabel Williams was born on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1917 in Des Arc, Arkansas to Carrie Simpson Williams and Thomas Wylie Williams as one of six children; and

**WHEREAS:** Mabel Williams married Edward Hans Thomsen of Copenhagen, Denmark on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1942 in Coahoma County, Mississippi; and after orders were received that Edward was being deployed to Hawaii after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mabel did not want to be separated from her husband; she was encouraged to join the United States Military; and

**WHEREAS:** on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas Mabel Williams Thomsen enlisted in the United States Navy with her initial training in Bronx, New York; and

**WHEREAS:** Mabel was stationed stateside she did not have a chance to go to Hawaii, and Edward unfortunately became ill and passed away very early in their marriage; and

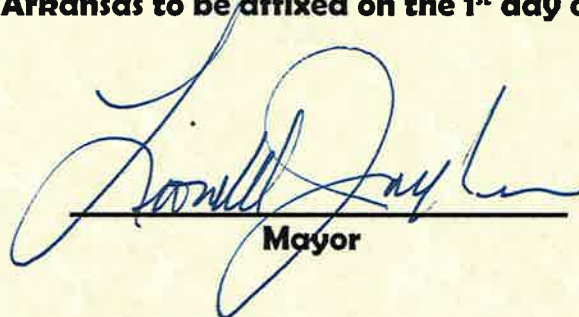
**WHEREAS:** remembering her husband telling her that no matter what happened, the military would always take care of her, she chose to make it her career; and on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1980 she retired as a Chief Hospital Corpsman which is the highest rank an enlisted wave can achieve; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as**

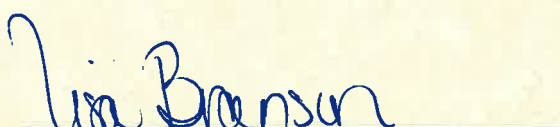
**“MABEL WILLIAMS THOMSEN DAY”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage everyone to congratulate her.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Deputy City Clerk

