

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



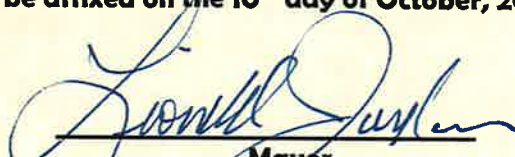
- WHEREAS:** the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks has a long history that started with a group of dedicated volunteers who had a vision of a botanical garden in Northwest Arkansas and worked diligently to make it a reality, and
- WHEREAS:** the Garden was incorporated in 1994 and opened with much fanfare to the public in 2007, and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Fayetteville has granted a long term land lease for the Garden to establish a home on the Northeast of Lake Fayetteville on the beloved trail system to be enjoyed by all, and
- WHEREAS:** the many individuals, corporations, local businesses, the City of Fayetteville and the Advertising and Promotion Commission have given generously of their resources to make the Garden a reality, and
- WHEREAS:** the Garden would not be where it is today without the thousands of volunteers who give so much in the planning, fundraising, gardening and daily operation of the facility, and
- WHEREAS:** the Garden has educated countless school children from all over the region and hosted thousands of internal and external celebratory and educational events, and
- WHEREAS:** the Garden is filled with over 2000 unique species of hardy plants and each year plants over 3,500 annuals and is the home to the only butterfly house in Arkansas offering adult and children's programs to support the understanding of butterflies in our ecosystem, and
- WHEREAS:** the Garden has become a much loved local attraction, an event space and a tourist destination,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim October 10, 2017 as**

***"Botanical Garden of the Ozarks 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration"***

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to make time to enjoy the Botanical Garden with their families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.**

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Deputy City Clerk

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