

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



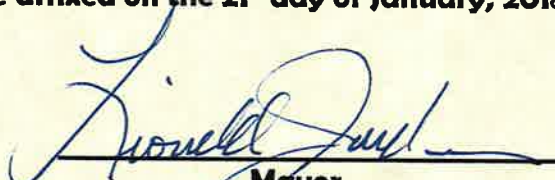
- WHEREAS:** since 1968, more Americans have perished in acts of domestic gun violence than in all wars in our nation's history,
- WHEREAS:** 104 Americans are killed by gunfire every day, and over 32,000 die in acts of gun violence annually,
- WHEREAS:** during 2017, our nation averaged more than one mass shooting with four or more victims everyday,
- WHEREAS:** 18 of the 30 deadliest mass shootings in the U.S. since 1949 have occurred in the last 10 years,
- WHEREAS:** 2 of the 5 deadliest shootings in the U.S. occurred in 2017,
- WHEREAS:** *Bullets into Bells: Poets and Citizens Respond to Gun Violence* comprises poems and statements from gun violence survivors, family members of gun violence victims, gun violence prevention activists, and community, religious, and government leaders,
- WHEREAS:** the citizens of Fayetteville are invited to engage in conversation about gun violence with contributors to the book, with local leaders on the gun violence issue, and with each other, and
- WHEREAS:** the people of Fayetteville and the people of every town, city, and state of the United States must do what we can to reduce this growing epidemic of gun violence in our country,

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim January 21, 2018 as a day of

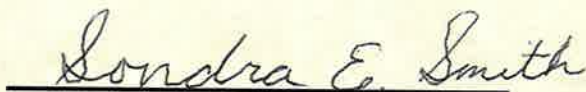
**"COMMITMENT TO ENDING GUN VIOLENCE  
IN ALL ITS FORMS DAY"**

in Fayetteville and encourage each of us to honor our peacemakers and renew our commitment to the prevention of such suffering in the future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2018.

  
Mayor

**Attest:**

  
City Clerk

