

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation




- WHEREAS:** Juneteenth, also known as African-American Emancipation Day, was first celebrated in Galveston, Texas in 1865, and
- WHEREAS:** this is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in our country, honoring the enduring spirit of our African-American community, and
- WHEREAS:** on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and the slaves were free, and
- WHEREAS:** the celebration of June 19 became "Juneteenth" with a festive gathering of family in prayer and celebration, and
- WHEREAS:** the Northwest Arkansas Juneteenth Celebration, an extravaganza of culture and diversity sponsored by the University of Arkansas African-American Resource Group and the Juneteenth Planning Committee, is a community-wide commemoration for all of our citizens and their families.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 16, 2018 as

"Juneteenth Celebration Day"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 16th day of June, 2018.



Mayor

Attest:



Deputy City Clerk

