

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



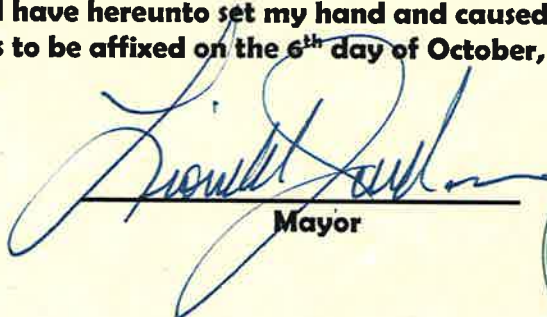
- WHEREAS:** mental health is part of overall health, and
- WHEREAS:** one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year, and 46 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14, and
- WHEREAS:** suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause among young adults, and 90% of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness, and
- WHEREAS:** long delays – sometimes decades – often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help, and
- WHEREAS:** early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery, and
- WHEREAS:** it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed, and
- WHEREAS:** every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help, and
- WHEREAS:** public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim October 6 through October 12, 2019 as

“MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK”

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens, businesses, schools and community organizations to help shine a light on the need for equal and timely care for those suffering from a mental illness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 6th day of October, 2019.



Mayor



Attest:



Deputy City Clerk