

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



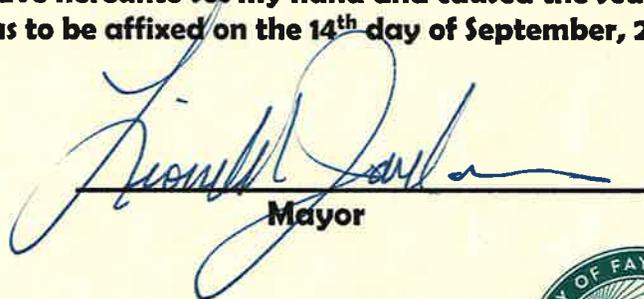
- WHEREAS:** In this challenging year of pandemic and social unrest, we recognize more than ever that our future as a global community depends on our ability and willingness to work across borders, welcome diversity, and look beyond race, ethnicity, religion, or cultural differences to recognize and celebrate our shared humanity, and
- WHEREAS:** The United States, as a nation of immigrants, has historically been perceived around the world as a place of opportunity, peace, and equality, where all may enjoy the freedom to strive, grow, and succeed, and
- WHEREAS:** Fayetteville recognizes that, as our society remains committed to its core values as one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, our nation will continue to attract those who seek freedom and opportunity and to grow in diversity, and
- WHEREAS:** Fayetteville, as one of the fastest growing cities in the state, is also a progressive and open-minded city willing to welcome diversity in its growth and encourage participation by newcomers of all nations, backgrounds, and races as we work together to build a collaborative and diverse community that affords equal opportunity for all, and
- WHEREAS:** As a member of Cities for Citizenship, Fayetteville also encourages and supports foreign-born individuals in becoming American citizens in order that they may more fully enjoy the rights and privileges citizenship affords, including the right and civic duty to vote,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of September 14, 2020 as**

**“WELCOMING WEEK”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon the people of Fayetteville to join together to continue to grow strong, inclusive communities—here in Arkansas and across our state and our nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

