

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



**WHEREAS:** Jewish immigrants to America, ever since their first arrival to our shores in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States America, and

**WHEREAS:** the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration of the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, Americans' commitment to social justice, and many of our Country's most central tenets, and

**WHEREAS:** through core Jewish beliefs such as the creation of man in the image of God, the infinite value of every human life, the need for the for a weekly Sabbath, and the importance of education in the lives of children, the Jewish community has helped to define America's character and values, and

**WHEREAS:** following the rebirth of Zionism and the miraculous return of the Jewish people to the Jewish homeland, the United States was the first county in the worked to recognize the State of Israel in 1948, and over the years have developed a deep friendship and unbreakable alliance with the State of Israel based upon shared values and mutual interests, and

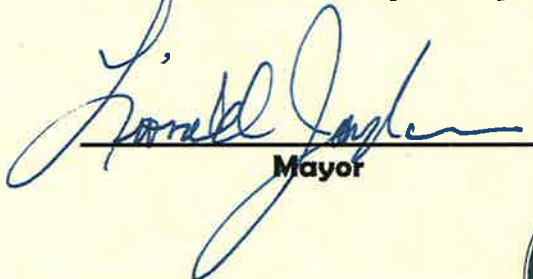
**WHEREAS:** the State of Israel is now celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its modern founding and its emergence over the last few decades as a beacon of freedom and prosperity and a world leader in technology, agriculture, water conservation, medicine, and all manner of innovation.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim May 2023 as**

**"Jewish American Heritage Month"**

**in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call on our residents to commemorate this occasion by appropriately celebrating the contributions of the Jewish community's history, heritage and culture.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk Treasurer

