

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: crime victims' rights acts passed here in Arkansas and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process, and

WHEREAS: victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights, and

WHEREAS: the right to provide an impact statement ensures that victims' voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes, and

WHEREAS: including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust, and

WHEREAS: survivors' lived experience can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and changing policies or practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice

WHEREAS: National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them

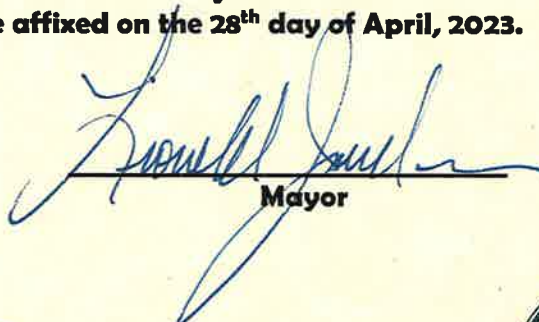
WHEREAS: the NWA Center for Sexual Assault is hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023 as

"Crime Victims' Rights Week"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 28th day of April, 2023.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk Treasurer

