

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: Rusty Turner graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in print journalism. Over the next seven years, he worked as a news reporter and sports writer for newspapers in Northwest Arkansas and the River Valley. That makes this his 40th year as a journalist, and

WHEREAS: he took on his first job as an editor in June 1991 with the Northwest Arkansas Morning News in Rogers, then became managing editor in 1994 after that paper merged with the Springdale Morning News. He was promoted to editor in 2003, and

WHEREAS: he was named executive editor over all publications involved in the merger with WEHCO Media in 2009 except for what was then the Northwest edition of the Democrat-Gazette, and

WHEREAS: he helped oversee another major transition in 2015, when the four daily newspapers operated by Northwest Arkansas Newspapers and the Northwest edition of the Democrat-Gazette were consolidated to become a single regional newspaper, the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, and

WHEREAS: his current role as editor encompasses many duties, including assigning and editing copy, supervising employees, managing a budget and hosting the weekly podcast Know the News, and

WHEREAS: he also served as president of the Arkansas Press Association's board of directors and has been a regular writer and actor for the Northwest Arkansas Gridiron Show, an annual stage production that pokes fun at the news and news makers, along with working on stage and backstage at Arkansas Public Theatre in Rogers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim May 18, 2023 as

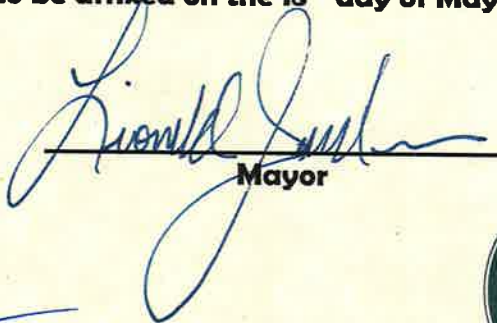
"RUSTY TURNER DAY"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all residents to join me in thanking Rusty for his contributions our community and wishing him the very best in the years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 18th day of May, 2023.

Attest:


City Clerk Treasurer


Mayor

