

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



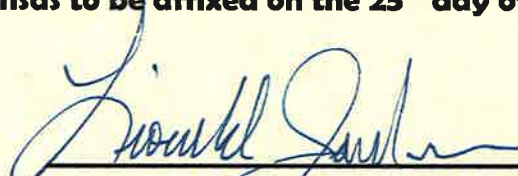
- WHEREAS:** Dr. John L. Colbert first served as a special education teacher at Bates Elementary School beginning in 1976, and
- WHEREAS:** he next served as the principal of Howard Elementary School in Ft. Smith from 1984 to 1987 when he accepted the principalship of Jefferson Elementary School, and
- WHEREAS:** he was named the principal of Holcomb Elementary School when it opened in 1995, and
- WHEREAS:** in 2008, Dr. Colbert was named the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and
- WHEREAS:** in 2016, he was named the Associate Superintendent for Support Services, and
- WHEREAS:** in 2018, he was named the Superintendent of Schools, and
- WHEREAS:** he received his bachelor's degree, his master's degree in Education, and his doctorate in Education all from the University of Arkansas, and
- WHEREAS:** during his pioneering 47-year tenure with Fayetteville Public Schools, he was the first African American to be named as principal, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, and superintendent.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim May 25, 2023 as**

**“Dr. John L. Colbert Day”**

**in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all residents to join me in thanking Dr. Colbert for all he has done in 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk Treasurer

