

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



**WHEREAS:** Hoyt Purvis, a native of Arkansas but a citizen of the world, having made a profound positive impact on politics, the media, academia and his students and colleagues, is retiring after teaching in the University of Arkansas Journalism Department for thirty-four years, and

**WHEREAS:** Professor Purvis has won numerous research and teaching awards, including the National Outstanding Faculty Award from Phi Beta Delta, the U of A Honors College Distinguished Faculty Award, the U of A Alumni Association Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Research and Teaching, and the University Faculty Gold Medal for Mentoring, and

**WHEREAS:** Professor Purvis has directed at least 35 Master's theses, 100 undergraduate honors theses and has served on at least 278 honors thesis committees, has published many books and articles and presented at national and international conferences and workshops and

**WHEREAS:** Professor Purvis was the chairman, vice-chairman, member of the executive and planning committees and a board member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board from 1993-2003 and received a U.S. Department of State citation for his *"unfailing collegiality, always wise counsel, common sense leadership and total commitment to our common enterprise"* for his service, and

**WHEREAS:** Hoyt Purvis has served as press secretary and special assistant to Senator J. William Fulbright, as a foreign and defense policy advisor/counsel to Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, as deputy director of the Senate Majority Policy Committee and as a consultant on foreign and defense policy to Senator Byrd and the U.S. Senate Democratic Conference, and

**WHEREAS:** he has worked for the *Houston Chronical*, has served regularly as a panelist on AETN's *Arkansas Week*, as a columnist for the *NWA Democrat Gazette*, and as on-air political analyst for KHBS-KHOG, KNWA and Fox 24 TV, and

**WHEREAS:** Hoyt Purvis has been active in many areas of public service, including serving on the Advisory Council of the Arkansas Science Information Liaison Office (SILO) and as secretary and president of the Washington County Historical Society. He was the founder, director and associate director of the International Relations major, director of the Fulbright School of Public Affairs, and director of the Fulbright Institute of International Relations, and

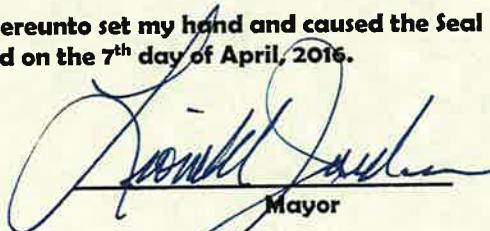
**WHEREAS:** Hoyt Purvis has had an illustrious career in education and public service and is revered, respected and loved by his colleagues and students,

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 7, 2016 as

**"HOYT PURVIS DAY"**

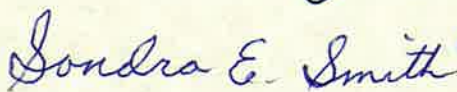
in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the long teaching career and significant public service career of Professor Purvis.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
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Mayor



Attest:

  
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City Clerk

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