

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



**WHEREAS:** research has shown that at least 14% of combat and non-combat Veterans, admit to having suicidal thoughts, and suicide is responsible for taking an average of 75 Veteran lives each year in Arkansas alone, 21 of which are in Northwest Arkansas, and

**WHEREAS:** local Veterans' nonprofit, Soldier ON Service Dogs, is dedicated to helping Veterans diagnosed with PTSD and/or TBI manage their illnesses, and

**WHEREAS:** Soldier ON Service Dogs hopes to reduce the number of Veteran suicides through their program, as well as by spreading awareness and educating the public on the warning signs of suicide, and

**WHEREAS:** Soldier ON Service Dogs hopes to accomplish this, in part, through the creation of this red, white, and blue, 21-tree memorial, which will stand in front of their facility to serve as a motivator for all who see it to make every effort to help lessen the number of the seeds of suicidal thoughts that might be planted and as a reminder of the lives already lost, and


**WHEREAS:** anyone who has survived their service to our country should not have to fall victim to their own thoughts,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 29, 2016 as**

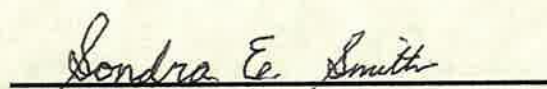
**"NWA VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY"**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

