

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: Dr. Tom E.C. Smith began his educational career as a special education teacher, embarking on a long and distinguished career as a special education professor after only a few years and he has been sharing his wisdom and knowledge with students, other faculty and the teaching community at large ever since, and

WHEREAS: Tom started as an assistant professor of special education at the University of Little Rock in 1976 and came to the University of Arkansas in 1978, and

WHEREAS: Tom was promoted to associate professor at the U of A in 1982, professor in 1986 and University Professor in 2008, and

WHEREAS: Tom left our area to serve in leadership positions at the University of Alabama Medical School, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, UAMS and UALR before returning to the U of A in 2002 to become head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and

WHEREAS: Tom became the Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions in 2009 and has since taken the college to new heights with innovative programs, fund-raising success and an emphasis on educational quality, and

WHEREAS: Tom has been a national leader on several fronts, including as a founding member of Deans for Impact, a national group dedicated to producing better teachers, and

WHEREAS: Tom has made numerous presentations and written extensively, both articles and books, ensuring that his knowledge and expertise can be accessed by students, teachers and family for many years to come, and

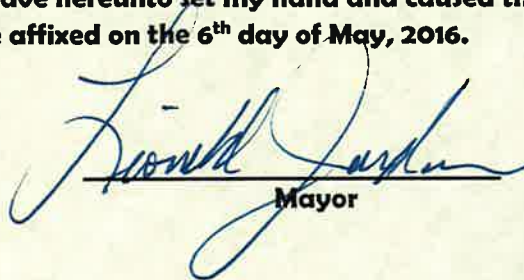
WHEREAS: Tom endeavors to make working at the College of Education and Health Professions fun, and his chuckle, easy manner, kindness and calm leadership style will be missed by those who have had the privilege of working with him every day,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Friday, May 6, 2016 as

"DEAN TOM SMITH DAY"

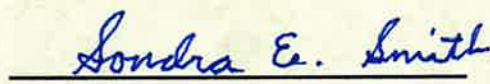
in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all his colleagues, students, and fellow employees to wish Tom well in retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 6th day of May, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

