

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



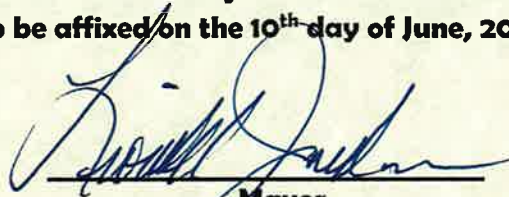
- WHEREAS:** two Fayetteville transplants, one from Boston and one from Chicago, decided to go into business together to sell good books – used, rare and out-of-print books, and
- WHEREAS:** the Dickson Street Bookshop started out small when it opened in August, 1978, but soon grew to fill the old laundry building at 325 W. Dickson, across from its original location, where it still exists almost 40 years later, and
- WHEREAS:** owners, Charles O'Donnell and Don Choffel, ignoring naysayers and committing themselves to their mission, have filled their shelves with used paperbacks and hard cover books ranging from fiction of every genre to nonfiction books on travel, art, poetry, history and truly every other subject imaginable, and
- WHEREAS:** the Dickson Street Bookshop has become one of the longest standing businesses in Fayetteville, and a symbol of all that's good about Dickson Street. Charles and Don have each made unique and irreplaceable contributions to the legacy, and
- WHEREAS:** the Dickson Street Bookshop has been named as one of "17 Bookstores That Will Literally Change Your Life", by BuzzFeed, keeping company with stores located in cities from San Francisco to Singapore, and
- WHEREAS:** from toddlers to senior citizens, generations of residents and visitors from every walk of life have stepped into the Dickson Street Bookshop, breathed in the dusty and glorious atmosphere and soon become lost in the treasures to be found there, and
- WHEREAS:** the Dickson Street Bookshop has nurtured generations of book lovers around the world, and has made a solid and lasting impact on Dickson Street and the City of Fayetteville,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Friday, June 10, 2016 as

"DICKSON STREET BOOKSHOP DAY"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to take the time to visit the store and lose yourself in the shelves of books and inspiration to be found there.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 10th day of June, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



Deputy City Clerk

