

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



- WHEREAS:** mental health is part of overall health, and
- WHEREAS:** one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year, and approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age 24, and
- WHEREAS:** suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause among young adults, and 90% of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness, and
- WHEREAS:** long delays – sometimes decades – often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help, and
- WHEREAS:** early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery, and
- WHEREAS:** it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed, and
- WHEREAS:** every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help, and
- WHEREAS:** public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness,

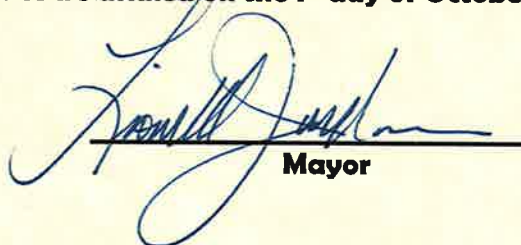
**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim October 1 through October 7, 2017 as**

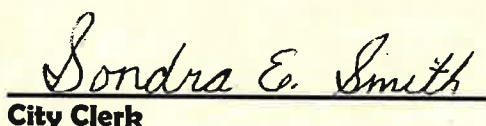
**“MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens, businesses, schools and community organizations to help shine a light on the need for equal and timely care for those suffering from a mental illness.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.**

**Attest:**

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk

