

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



**WHEREAS:** in a democratic society, access to justice is a fundamental and essential right. However, thousands of Fayetteville residents lack the means to gain access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, and they are often forced to resolve complex legal problems on their own, including domestic violence issues, divorce, child custody, evictions, foreclosures, and physical and financial abuse matters, and

**WHEREAS:** the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Legal Aid of Arkansas, and local bar associations throughout Arkansas work to recruit volunteer attorneys to provide valuable legal services, free of charge, to those in need, and

**WHEREAS:** while members of Fayetteville's legal community donate thousands of hours in free legal services and make generous financial contributions to legal-aid organizations in our State, a huge unmet need for legal assistance remains for disadvantaged citizens, and

**WHEREAS:** Rule 6.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct calls on every lawyer to aspire to provide at least fifty (50) hours of pro bono legal services to those unable to pay, and reaffirms the professional goal of every lawyer to provide pro bono legal services to persons of limited means, and

**WHEREAS:** the National Pro Bono Celebration is a coordinated effort to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make for individuals across the Nation, and

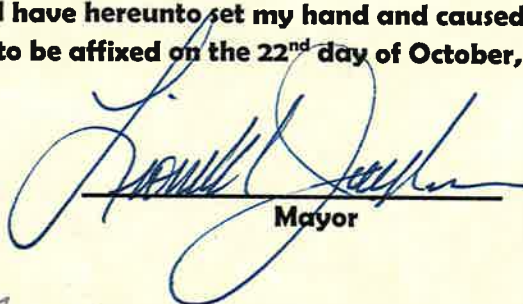
**WHEREAS:** from October 22 through October 28, the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Legal Aid of Arkansas, the University of Arkansas School of Law, local bar associations, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations will be celebrating "Pro Bono Week,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-28, 2017 as**

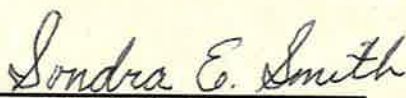
**"PRO BONO WEEK"**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions of our legal community to help those most in need.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2017.**

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

