

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



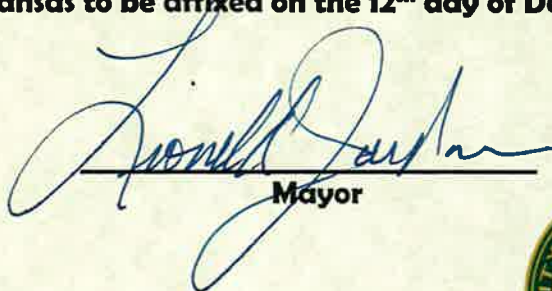
- WHEREAS:** twenty children and six teachers were shot and killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012, and
- WHEREAS:** Fayetteville, Arkansas is home to families impacted directly by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and
- WHEREAS:** since 1968, more Americans have perished in acts of domestic gun violence than in all wars in our nation's history, and
- WHEREAS:** gun violence claims the lives of over 30,000 Americans every year with over 19,000 suicides and over 11,000 homicides, and
- WHEREAS:** during 2015, our nation averaged nearly one mass shooting involving four or more victims every day, and
- WHEREAS:** the Fayetteville Ministerial Association and the associated faith communities of Fayetteville wish to honor and remember all victims of gun violence in thoughtful prayer, contemplation and quiet reflection, and
- WHEREAS:** giving voice to those departed souls, we now ring bells across our beloved city, and
- WHEREAS:** the National Vigil to End Gun Violence is a nationwide observance to honor the lives and memories of all gun violence victims from December 9 through 12, 2015, and
- WHEREAS:** we as a community must do what we can to reduce this growing epidemic of gun violence in our country,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 12, 2015 as

“REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE”

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage each of us to honor our peacemakers and renew our commitment to the prevention of such suffering in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 12th day of December, 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

