

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



**WHEREAS:** Esophageal Cancer is one of the fastest growing cancer diagnosis in the United States, increasing more than 400% in the past 20 years. Esophageal Cancer kills one American every 36 minutes each and every day, and

**WHEREAS:** Esophageal Cancer is among the deadliest cancers with fewer than one in five patients surviving five years, and

**WHEREAS:** despite its rapid increase and poor prognosis, esophageal cancer receives very little research funding. The NCI Funded Research Portfolio shows Esophageal Cancer distribution at less than 1% of the total cancer funding dollars, and

**WHEREAS:** Esophageal Cancer can be a silent killer with patients often unaware that the heartburn, difficult swallowing, cough, hoarse voice, sore throat or chest pain they suffer can be reasons to discuss screening for Esophageal Cancer with their medical care professional, and


**WHEREAS:** Esophageal Cancer is often discovered during advanced stages, but if discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better, and treatments for the disease include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and laser therapy.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim April 2018 as**


**"Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month"**

**in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encouraging citizens to pay attention to esophageal cancer symptoms to promote early detection and treatment.**

**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 February, 2018.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

