Office of the Mayor City of Fayetteville Iroclamation



WHEREAS:

the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality

of the city of Fayetteville, and

WHEREAS:

our water system in Fayetteville serves over 95,000 people who utilize an average of 200 gallons of water per person, per day,

WHEREAS:

changes in weather patterns are causing epic drought and widespread flooding in regions throughout the United States, putting pressure on water systems that are ill-equipped and illprepared to manage such extreme events, and

WHEREAS:

utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack of reliable revenue and funding to maintain, let alone

upgrade, their systems, and

WHEREAS:

one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water, and

WHEREAS:

managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's environmental health, and investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come, and

WHEREAS:

for every one job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy and for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the U.S. generates \$6 in returns,

WHEREAS:

every region faces different water challenges so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, however reinvestment in our water must be a national priority, and

WHEREAS:

the City of Fayetteville is dedicated to investing in water and wastewater infrastructure but will need help and funding from our federal partners,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim October 10, 2018 as

"IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to recognize that water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness of our City.

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 September, 2018.

Attest:

Sondra E Smith