

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



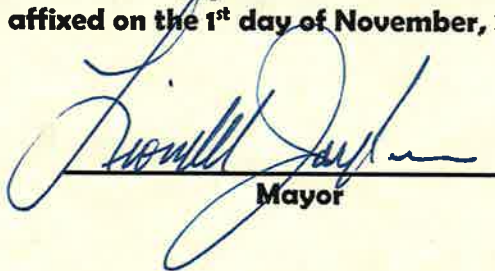
- WHEREAS:** the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality, and
- WHEREAS:** the March of Dimes in 2003 launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies, and
- WHEREAS:** the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 5.5 percent in every state by 2030, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants, and
- WHEREAS:** approximately 4,000 babies are born premature in the state of Arkansas, representing 11.4 percent of all state births, and
- WHEREAS:** Arkansas receives a grade of "D" on the March of Dimes 2017 Premature Birth Report Card, and
- WHEREAS:** the March of Dimes in Arkansas has worked extensively to promote access to health services and health coverage, tobacco-related issues policies that help to reduce premature birth and promote health equity, and
- WHEREAS:** the March of Dimes in Arkansas looks forward to partnering with Mayor Lioneld Jordan in response to the continued crisis of premature birth, and
- WHEREAS:** the month of November is recognized as World Prematurity Awareness Month to bring about recognition of this global health crisis, and November 17 is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Day across the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim November 17, 2018 as

"Prematurity Awareness Day"

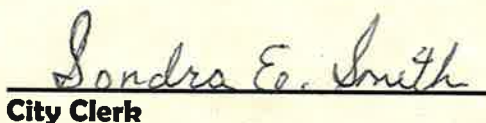
in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1st day of November, 2018.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

