

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** in 2004, a close group of friends wanted an excuse to reunite after college and decided to hold a chili cook-off and so "Chilirhea" began, and
- WHEREAS:** the first Chilirhea brought out about 15 people and was held in a backyard. By 2009, there were multiple sponsors, 15 teams and over 125 people gathered on the front lawn despite snow and ice, and
- WHEREAS:** in 2010, the event became tied to the charitable cause of helping cure Alzheimer's with over \$6,000 raised, and
- WHEREAS:** over the past 10 years, Chilirhea has raised over \$550,000 for Alzheimer's research and aiding caregivers, and
- WHEREAS:** in memory of the inspiration behind the event, we honor Opal Scott along with others who suffered from Alzheimer's and dementia, and
- WHEREAS:** without the tireless work of the board members and countless volunteers the event would not have happened nor become successful, and
- WHEREAS:** the Chilirhea event may end but the legacy will live on through the Opal Scott Alzheimer's Fund benefiting Alzheimer's Arkansas and UAMS Reynolds Institute on Aging.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim February 8, 2020 as

"Chilirhea Day"

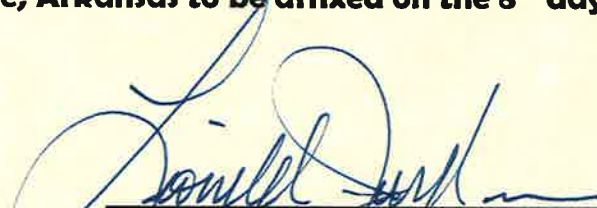
in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 8th day of February, 2020.

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor

