

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



**WHEREAS:** the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted jobs and local food systems in our community, which may contribute to the number of food insecure residents, and

**WHEREAS:** reducing hunger, encouraging healthier diets, supporting local farmers and sustainable local food systems are of critical importance to our community resilience and well-being, and

**WHEREAS:** many recent community programs and initiatives illustrate Fayetteville's support for improving access to locally-grown foods and reducing food insecurity, and

**WHEREAS:** the Grow Fayetteville Initiative will collaborate with local governments, non-profits, educational institutions and other organizations to help reduce food insecurity, and

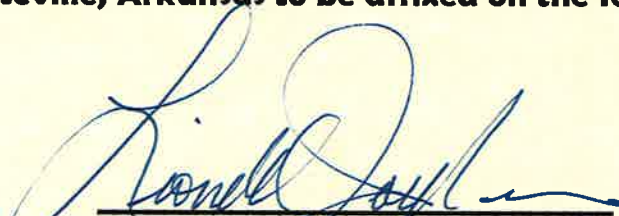
**WHEREAS:** the initiative will educate residents on how to grow and access fresh locally produced food by supporting market development for regional and urban agriculture and by increasing our food and agriculture jobs through workforce development and entrepreneurship.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim April 16, 2020 as the launch of the**

**"Grow Fayetteville Initiative 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 16th day of April, 2020.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

