

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



- WHEREAS:** preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that requires all citizens to be involved, and
- WHEREAS:** child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources, and don't know how to cope, and
- WHEREAS:** child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment, and
- WHEREAS:** in Northwest Arkansas we have dedicated individuals and organizations that work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect, and help parents obtain the assistance they need, and
- WHEREAS:** all children deserve freedom from verbal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and physical abuse and neglect, and
- WHEREAS:** all children deserve to have warm homes, loving hugs, tender care, parents and adults who listen and promote self-esteem, give quality time, provide necessary food, shelter, clothing and attention, and
- WHEREAS:** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community, and
- WHEREAS:** it is indeed appropriate and fitting to focus attention upon the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Northwest Arkansas,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as**

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to continue to participate in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.**

Attest:

*Shandra E. Smith*  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

