

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



**WHEREAS:** autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, is part of a complex group of neurodevelopmental disorders, collectively called Autism Spectrum Disorders and it can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background, and

**WHEREAS:** symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of ways and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communications, and

**WHEREAS:** each year, people across the globe take time to recognize the millions of people living on the autism spectrum, including 1 out of every 68 American children. Americans with autism contribute to all aspects of society and are an essential thread in the diverse tapestry of our Nation, and

**WHEREAS:** it is important to ensure that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue their full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential, and

**WHEREAS:** we all benefit when Americans with autism succeed therefore it is essential that we ensure our health care, education and social systems work for them, and

**WHEREAS:** Fayetteville is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Awareness month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder,

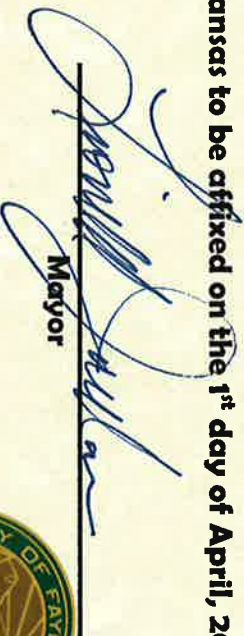
**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim April, 2017 as

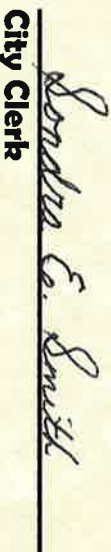
**“World Autism Awareness Month”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas encourage all citizens to become more informed about autism to help to create a better community for individuals with autism.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2017.

Attest:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk

