

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: Mabel Williams was born on May 1st, 1917 in Des Arc, Arkansas to Carrie Simpson Williams and Thomas Wylie Williams as one of six children; and

WHEREAS: Mabel Williams married Edward Hans Thomsen of Copenhagen, Denmark on May 16th, 1942 in Codhoma County, Mississippi; and after orders were received that Edward was being deployed to Hawaii after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mabel did not want to be separated from her husband; she was encouraged to join the United States Military; and

WHEREAS: on August 21st, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas Mabel Williams Thomsen enlisted in the United States Navy with her initial training in Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS: Mabel was stationed stateside she did not have a chance to go to Hawaii, and Edward unfortunately became ill and passed away very early in their marriage; and

WHEREAS: remembering her husband telling her that no matter what happened, the military would always take care of her, she chose to make it her career; and on October 1st, 1980 she retired as a Chief Hospital Corpsman which is the highest rank an enlisted wave can achieve; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2017 as

“MABEL WILLIAMS THOMSEN DAY”

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage everyone to congratulate her.

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 May, 2017.

Attest:



Mayor



Deputy City Clerk

