

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



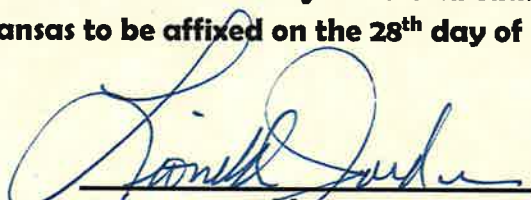
- WHEREAS:** Archibald Yell was born on August 9, 1797, moved to Arkansas in 1831 and became a very colorful, larger than life character in Arkansas history, and
- WHEREAS:** despite a very limited education, Archibald Yell "read law", was appointed as "Receiver of Public Monies" in Little Rock by then President Andrew Jackson, served as territorial circuit judge, became Arkansas' first Congressman and served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Governor of the State, and
- WHEREAS:** Yell fought in the Creek War, the War of 1812 at the Battle of Pensacola, the battle of New Orleans, and in the First Seminole War in 1817-1818, and
- WHEREAS:** Archibald Yell died a heroic death in the Mexican-American War when he lead a charge of Arkansas volunteers, facing down nearly a thousand enemy troops and apparently killing several before dying from multiple lance wounds, and
- WHEREAS:** Yell was buried near the battlefield at Saltilla and five months later he was reentered at his home "Waxhaws" in Fayetteville. His body was again removed and reentered here in the Evergreen Cemetery in 1881 by the Masonic Lodge, and
- WHEREAS:** today we kick off a fundraising campaign for restoration of the Yell monument with this wreath laying ceremony for one of the great Arkansans and a man who was willing to lay down his life for his country,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim October 28, 2017 as**

***"ARCHIBALD YELL DAY"***

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and encourage all citizens to join in honoring Archibald Yell and his contribution to Fayetteville, to Arkansas and to our nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

