

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



**WHEREAS:** the health and well-being of all children throughout Arkansas are of paramount importance to Arkansas's families and communities, and

**WHEREAS:** thousands of children are born with birth defects every year, including approximately 40,000 children in the United States who begin life with one of more than thirty-five identified forms of congenital heart defects, and

**WHEREAS:** congenital heart defects are among Arkansas's most common birth defects and they can be fatal due to their seriousness, insufficient effective medical intervention options and the limited availability of infant donor hearts, and

**WHEREAS:** the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects are becoming more readily identifiable and the range of surgical options are expanding continuously thanks to doctors' and scientists' diligent research efforts and field experiences that extend our body of knowledge every day, and

**WHEREAS:** there is much to learn about the causes of and effective treatments for congenital heart defects and it is important for parents, pediatricians and nurses to recognize the warning signs associated with congenital heart defects among newborns so they may provide proper treatment as early as possible, and

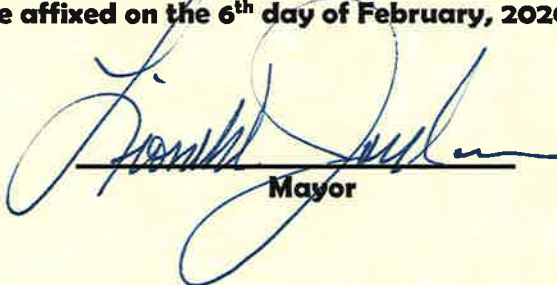
**WHEREAS:** many of Arkansas's families and communities are directly or indirectly affected by infant illness and death caused by congenital heart defects, and I applaud the efforts of doctors and scientists everywhere who work diligently to solve life's medical mysteries and to improve the quality of life for us all.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2020 as**

**"Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week"**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

