

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



**WHEREAS:** with more than 80,000 adult offenders currently incarcerated in state facilities or on parole or probation in Arkansas, Fayetteville is committed to lowering the recidivism through an effective reentry process that provides offenders with opportunities for success in our community, and

**WHEREAS:** a criminal record can create a barrier to rejoining the workforce; finding adequate housing; securing transportation; and meeting financial obligations. These barriers contribute to more than fifty percent of offenders returning to prison within three years of release, and

**WHEREAS:** it is imperative that offenders returning to the community have the programs, services and support they need to become productive citizens of the community, and

**WHEREAS:** reentry provides offenders with the tools necessary to embrace a better future where they are contributing to society and taking care of their families, and

**WHEREAS:** agencies across Fayetteville are focused on reentry, but reentry efforts extend well beyond correctional agencies through partnerships with community-based groups, faith-based organizations and volunteers that can assist offenders returning to their communities, and

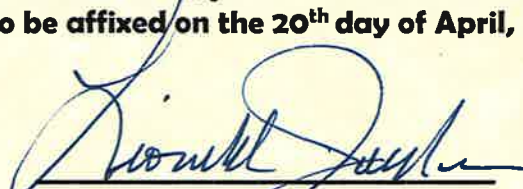
**WHEREAS:** we can enhance public safety by supporting and joining reentry efforts that offer hope for offenders returning home from incarceration.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-24, 2020 as**

**"REENTRY 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

