

*Office of the Mayor  
City of Fayetteville*

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS:** **LGBTQ+ Pride activities are important for their contribution to reducing barriers, misunderstandings, discrimination, and isolation faced by individuals in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, and it is important for us to celebrate equality and reflect on its importance to us individually and as a nation, and**

**WHEREAS:** **today we celebrate equality as a city that respects and works to uphold that important value, we stand together to break down the stone walls of discrimination, and we seek to wield love stronger than hate and hope more powerful than insult or injury, and**

**WHEREAS:** **from generation to generation, ordinary Americans have led marches toward freedom, fairness, and full equality under the law – not just for some, but for all, and we celebrate the successes. We are working to build for ourselves and our families a nation where no one is a second-class citizen, no one is denied basic rights, where all of us are free to live and love as we see fit, and where we can all celebrate equality and live our lives unashamed and unbattered, and**

**WHEREAS:** **the City of Fayetteville celebrates equality and supports efforts to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect, and peace; and we recommit ourselves to the standard that community success thrives in an environment of inclusion, and**

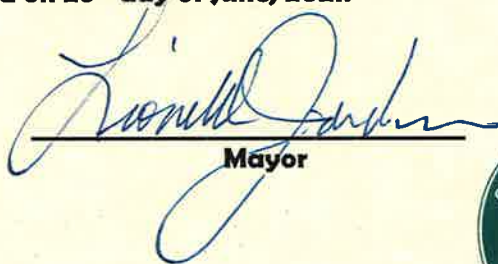
**WHEREAS:** **the City of Fayetteville affirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion for all persons especially including our transgender residents, neighbors and visitors and to do everything in our power to honor and protect all persons regardless of their gender identity so that everyone will feel welcome and safe in Fayetteville, and**

**WHEREAS:** **we as a nation have long praised the American value of equality, and with that affirmation, we should assure that we act upon our stated commitment and do not act or desire to limit the equality of some, because where unequal treatment exists, equality does not exist.**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26, 2021 as**

**“PRIDE WEEKEND”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

