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TO: **Mayor Jordan**
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CC: **Kara Paxon**, City Clerk/Treasurer
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FROM: **Kit Williams**, City Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DATE: **September 20, 2022**

RE: **Council Member D'Andre Jones' Proposed Amendment to Resolution Renaming Archibald Yell**

Council Member D'Andre Jones plans to present the attached amendment to add Section 2 to delay the effective date of the renaming resolution until Juneteenth, 2023. Attached is his proposed Amended Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO RENAME ARCHIBALD YELL BOULEVARD TO NELSON HACKETT BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the Black Heritage Preservation Commission has requested that the City Council rename Archibald Yell Boulevard to Nelson Hackett Boulevard to honor Mr. Hackett who as an enslaved person in Fayetteville in 1841 took a horse with saddle, a gold watch and beaver coat and fled to Canada, but was apprehended there on a charge of theft; and

WHEREAS, abolitionists struggled to prevent Nelson Hackett's extradition to Fayetteville, but failed, and Mr. Hackett was returned to slavery in 1842, publicly whipped and sold to Texas slavers; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Hackett's sad case caused the British Government to ensure such extraditions of enslaved person would not happen again in their Canadian territories

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby renames Archibald Yell Boulevard to Nelson Hackett Boulevard.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby determines that this resolution will not go into effect until Juneteenth, 2023, to give businesses and residences addressed on the boulevard enough time to make the transition to the new name.

PASSED and APPROVED this 16th day of August, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer