



PROCLAMATION
Veterans and Military Families Month

WHEREAS, during National Veterans and Military Families Month, we salute the brave and dedicated patriots who have worn the military uniforms of the United States, and we celebrate the extraordinary military families whose selfless service and sacrifice make our military the finest in the world; and

WHEREAS, our Nation's veterans represent the best of America. Generation after generation, men and women have answered the call to defend our country and our freedom, facing danger and uncertainty with uncommon courage. They make tremendous sacrifices by leaving their families to serve throughout the homeland and in combat, contingency, and humanitarian operations worldwide; and

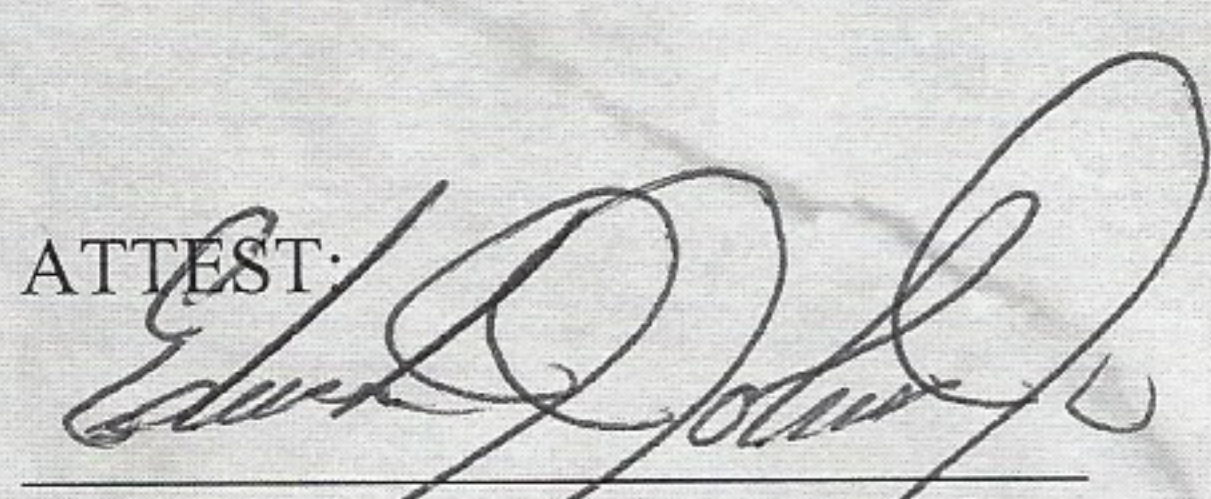
WHEREAS, our heroes have always relied on their families for strength and support. Serving alongside our men and women in uniform are spouses, siblings, parents, and children who personify the ideals of patriotism, pride, resilience, service above self, and honor. They endure the hardships and uncertainty of multiple relocations, extended trainings, and deployments because of their admirable devotion to our country and a loved one in uniform; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and the resources of our entire nation were brought to bear on the war efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Edward Johnson, on behalf of the Fayetteville City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as "National Veterans and Military Families Month". I encourage all communities, all sectors of society, and all Americans to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contribution of veterans and military families for what they have done.

ATTEST:


Edward J. Johnson, Jr., Mayor


Anne Barksdale, City Clerk

