

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



**WHEREAS:** well known for his Rockabilly style and being a rock and roll pioneer, Ronnie Hawkins has performed across the World and recorded more than twenty-five albums, and

**WHEREAS:** he was born in Huntsville, Arkansas and moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of nine. He attended the University of Arkansas where he formed his band, the Hawks, giving scores of musicians their start in the music business. The lineup of the Hawks that emerged in 1961 included Levon Helm, Robbie Robertson, Garth Hudson, Richard Manuel, and Rick Danko. That version of the Hawks would go onto back Bob Dylan, becoming known as The Band and influencing Roots & Americana music forever.

**WHEREAS:** he owned and operated the Rockwood Club where The Hawks and some of rock music's earliest pioneers came to play, including Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison and Conway Twitty, and

**WHEREAS:** in 1982, he earned the Juno Award for Best Male Country Vocalist, which is Canada's equivalent to Grammy, and

**WHEREAS:** in 1996, he was presented with the Walt Grealis Special Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the most esteemed honors in the Canadian music industry, and

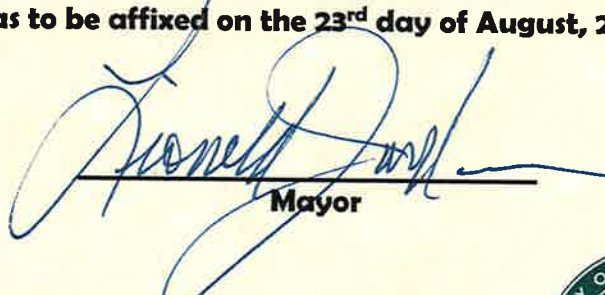
**WHEREAS:** he was inducted in Canada's Walk of Fame and in the Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim August 23, 2019 as**

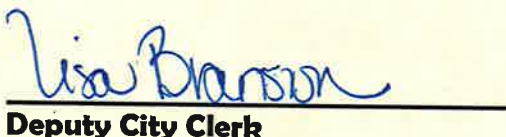
**"Ronnie Hawkins Day"**

**in Fayetteville, Arkansas and we welcome Ronnie back to our wonderful city to celebrate the Roots Festival.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2019.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Deputy City Clerk

