

## City of Conway, Arkansas Proclamation by: Mayor Bart Castleberry

## World No Tobacco Day May 31st, 2017

**Whereas**, the City of Conway is concerned about the health and welfare of the citizens of the community, as well as people throughout the world; and,

**Whereas**, tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the world. Smoking kills more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs, and fires combined; and,

**Whereas**, cigarette smoking increases risk for premature death in both men and women, and has shown to increase, coronary heart disease, stroke, and various forms of cancer; and,

Whereas, for years, millions of smokers have participated in the World Health Organization's World No Tobacco Day, a day on which they give up tobacco products for 24 hours; in the hope they may stay quit for good; and whereas a significant number of those who gave up tobacco products for the day were able to give up the habit entirely; and whereas, this demonstration of success suggests that World No Tobacco Day has potential for improving health.

**NOW THEREFORE**, **I Bart Castleberry**, Mayor of the City of Conway, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim, May 31, 2017 as:

## "World No Tobacco Day"

And encourage all residents of the community to join the campaign, educating themselves, family and friends about the negative impact tobacco use can have in our lives and the overall health of our community.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2017

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**Mayor Bart Castleberry**