

# Proclamation

Know Ye All People  
By These Presents  
Greetings:

*WHEREAS*, retirement planning was once thought of as an issue for older, wealthier adults to deal with, the truth is that preparing for a secure future is no longer considered a life stage or income-specific endeavor; and

*WHEREAS*, each day about 10,000 Baby Boomers who are members of a generation largely unsure of their financial future are about to enter their retirement years; and

*WHEREAS*, providing for financial wellness in our later years is now an individual responsibility; and

*WHEREAS*, preparing for and financing one's retirement is now increasingly difficult, with more Americans shouldering the burdens themselves; and

*WHEREAS*, a unique set of challenges has emerged, including changes in employee benefits, longer life spans, uncertainty with Social Security and Medicare, as well as the rising cost of health care; and

*WHEREAS*, the latest research findings from the Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) has shown that Baby Boomers' confidence in their financial preparations for retirement are steadily dropping, with barely a quarter optimistic about their situation in 2015; and

*WHEREAS*, there is a growing need to educate Americans on retirement planning; and

*WHEREAS*, carving some time out on a routine basis to review your finances and assess your financial preparedness for retirement is an achievable first step; and

*WHEREAS*, being proactive about planning and seeking professional guidance when warranted can help Americans achieve financial freedom; and

*WHEREAS*, crafting a holistic financial plan for retirement can restore confidence and build savings for those post-working years; and

*WHEREAS*, experts from the National Retirement Planning Coalition, the group that organizes National Retirement Planning Week are urging Americans to use this time to develop, review and/or revise their retirement plans with the tools and help available at [www.RetireonYourTerms.org](http://www.RetireonYourTerms.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Stodola, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11 – 15, 2016 as

## “National Retirement Planning Week”

in the City of Little Rock.

*IN WITNESS THEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, 2016.

*Mark Stodola*

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Mayor

