

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Know Ye All People By These Presents Greetings:

WHEREAS, Terry and Michele Wright have dedicated their lives to making a difference for others in Arkansas and across the country. When Terry was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 54 years old, they made it their mission to ensure that others would not suffer in the same way; and

WHEREAS, Terry is the real-life subject and inspiration behind the film, "54 YEARS LATE": The Terry Wright Story, which gives the account of his unexpected diagnosis of cystic fibrosis at the age of 54; Terry also shares his surreal journey with cystic fibrosis in his children's coloring storybook, "Terry's Journey to CF Land," which was listed in the top spot on BookAuthority's "8 Best New Cystic Fibrosis Books to Read In 2021;" and

WHEREAS, today, Terry wholeheartedly utilizes his deep-rooted passion for gardening, nature, agriculture, horticulture, fitness, nutrition, and health to help individuals from all walks of life to achieve the best in health; because of his life-altering health challenges, he is fully committed to utilizing his expertise to help others achieve a better quality of health and life; and

WHEREAS, Michele Wright, Ph.D. is the 2022 USA TODAY Women of the Year for Arkansas, the recipient of the Nations of Women Change Makers 2021 Global Leadership Award, and a nominee of the EveryLife Foundation of Rare Diseases' RareVoice 2021 Award for Diversity Empowerment, and

WHEREAS, Michele is a multi-dimensional senior executive with experience providing leadership in diverse roles, including pharmaceutical/biotechnology sales, healthcare administration, and business development to Fortune 100 companies and an international non-profit organization; she is also the CEO and Founder of My Water Buddy® and My Learning Buddy® corporations; and

WHEREAS, as the 2022 Breath of Life Gala Honorees, Terry and Michele continue to give their time, energy, and passion to raise funding to support the 30,000 children and adults impacted by cystic fibrosis to ensure each has the opportunity to live full and productive lives; and at this event, Terry and Michele are the first people of color to receive this honor in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 20, the award-winning documentary *54 Years Late* will be shown at the CALS Ron Robinson Theatre; this film focuses on the decades of challenges faced because Terry was not diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis until the age of 54, despite having symptoms of it, but the lack of a proper diagnosis was based on perceptions due to his race and ethnicity.

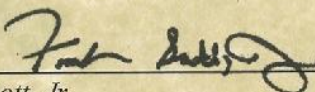
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2022, as

Michele and Terry Wright Day

in the City of Little Rock and encourage all residents to join in thanking them for their courage and leadership as they raise awareness about not only CF but also that it is a disease that can affect people of all races..



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock to be affixed on this 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 2022.



Frank Scott, Jr.
Mayor