



**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER  
PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF 50 PEOPLE OR MORE  
AND LIMITING GATHERINGS OF FEWER THAN 50 PEOPLE  
IN THE CITY OF JACKSON**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 45-17-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, has declared and issued a civil emergency proclamation in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 45-17-7, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, has the authority to issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property and in the interest of public safety and welfare, after proclamation of a civil emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and flatten the growth curve of cases, authorities, all over the globe, are encouraging and/or requiring citizens to avoid nonessential close personal contact; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines for large events and mass gatherings in response to the Coronavirus outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Department of Health has advised the citizens of the State of Mississippi to practice social distancing measures and avoid large gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures related to the spread of the Coronavirus are necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order to protect the public peace and preserve lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 45-17-7, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson do hereby issue this Proclamation of Executive Order Prohibiting Gatherings of 50 People or More and Limiting Gatherings of Fewer Than 50 People in the City of Jackson.

**IT IS ORDERED** that (1) all events of 50 people or more in the City of Jackson are hereby prohibited; and (2) all events of fewer than 50 people in the City of Jackson are limited, as provided herein.

- a. An event is an organized, orchestrated or sponsored gathering that people are invited to attend or encouraged to attend through advertising. Further, an

event is a gathering for business, social, or recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers, large private parties, celebrations or banquets; artistic performances, and spiritual and faith-based gatherings.

- b. An event is not a public location where people pass through, such as transportation centers, airports, public squares, and shopping areas. Retail establishments such as grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and restaurants are not events. Medical facilities, office environments, factories, schools, and universities are not events.
- c. Organizers of events of fewer than 50 people must ensure that:
  - Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19 are encouraged not to attend.
  - Social distancing recommendations, as prescribed by the Mississippi State Department of Health, must be met.
  - Proper hand hygiene and sanitation must be readily available to all attendees and individuals involved.
  - Environmental cleaning guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are followed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that only to the extent allowed by state and federal law and the United States Constitution, this Proclamation of Executive Order *prohibiting* and *limiting* events is applicable to spiritual and faith-based gatherings.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Proclamation of Executive Order be: (1) promptly filed with the City Clerk; (2) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation of Executive Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that violations of this Proclamation of Executive Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and Section 86-1 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that this Proclamation of Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through March 31, 2020 or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation of Executive Order. A Proclamation of Executive Order rescinding the corresponding Proclamation of Civil Emergency will automatically rescind this Proclamation of Executive Order.

WITENSS MY HAND, this the 16 day of March, 2020 at 12 am/pm.



**CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA, MAYOR  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

**ATTEST:**



**CITY CLERK**