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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in severe illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2, which is a new strain of Coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the President of the United States took extraordinary action to limit international travel; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. Sec. 1601, *et seq.* and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1320b-5), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi declared that a state of emergency exists within the State of Mississippi because of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 at 7:06 a.m., U.S. Central Standard Time, the World Health Organization reported that there are more than 170,000 global cases of Coronavirus and more than 3,700 cases of Coronavirus and at least 69 Coronavirus-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported that there were ten (10) presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Mississippi, including two (2) in Hinds County, Mississippi awaiting final confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is located in Hinds County, Mississippi where two (2) presumptive cases have been reported and is also the capital city of the State; and

WHEREAS, the world outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, the State of Mississippi, and the City of Jackson significantly impacts the life and health of the people of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, “any natural disaster or man-made calamity” is a condition which meets the definition of a civil emergency pursuant to Section 45-17-1(a)(2) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents, and in the public interest, all efforts should be taken to protect people by taking measures necessary to prevent the spread and assist in the treatment of COVID-19 in the City of Jackson.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 45-17-1, *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 declare a **civil emergency** for the City of Jackson.


IT IS ORDERED that the Emergency Operations Center of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, place into effect the City of Jackson’s Emergency Management Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all agencies and departments of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall render all possible assistance and discharge their emergency responsibilities and provide full cooperation with this Proclamation of Civil Emergency. Such assistance and cooperation shall be carried out only to the extent possible, and consistent with any additional orders related to the Coronavirus outbreak issued subsequent to this Proclamation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Proclamation shall 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 Civil Emergency.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Proclamation of Civil Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through March 31, 2020, or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation.

WITNESS MY HAND, on this 16 day of March, 2020 at 12 am pm.


CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA, MAYOR
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK *Att.*