

Office of the Mayor
Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor



219 South President Street
Post Office Box 17
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017
Telephone: 601-960-1084
Facsimile: 601-960-2193

**MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING COVID-19 RELATED
CIVIL EMERGENCY AND CLOSURE OF CITY HALL
MAY 16, 2020**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have declared that it is expected to spread; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout Hinds County, where the City of Jackson is situated, to include 698 positive cases and 17 Coronavirus-related deaths in the County; and

WHEREAS, social distancing, which requires maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people, is a paramount strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that increased testing capacity would demonstrate that COVID-19 is actively circulating in communities across the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected COVID-19 cases in Hinds County where the City of Jackson is situated is increasing exponentially, indicating that continued social distancing measures are needed to reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time; and

WHEREAS, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, on April 30, 2020, issued an Executive Order Continuing Prior Orders, namely: (1) a Mayoral Proclamation Continuing the Civil Emergency; and (2) a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Continuing and Modifying the Executive Order Closing City Hall and Non-Essential City Offices and City-Owned or Leases Non-Essential

Facilities, and Requiring Non-Essential City Employees to Work Remotely, and Restricting City Employee Travel; and

WHEREAS, said Executive Order Continuing Prior Orders expires at the end of Friday, April 15, 2020: and

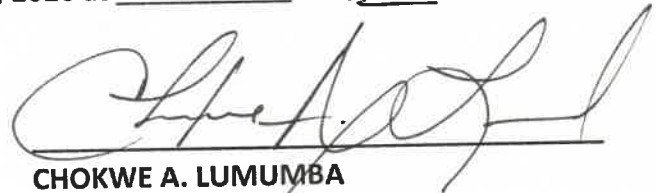
WHEREAS, for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the City of Jackson, I find it necessary to continue measures consistent with state and federal public health guidance to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I further find it necessary to continue the Executive Order identified above, and hereby incorporate the WHEREAS clauses of that Executive Order.

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.*, and 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 order the following:

IT IS ORDERED that the afore-mentioned Executive Order Continuing the COVID-19 Civil Emergency Proclamation and Closure of City Hall and non-essential City offices that was issued on April 30, 2020 is, again, hereby continued in its entirety through Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

WITNESS MY HAND, on this the 14th day of May, 2020 at 1:01 a.m/p.m.



CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:



A.H.

CITY CLERK