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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, "the destruction of property, or the death or injury of persons brought about by the deliberate acts of one (1) or more persons acting either alone or in concert with others when such acts are a threat to the peace of the general public or any segment thereof" is a condition which meets the definition of a civil emergency pursuant to Section 45-17-1(a)(3) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, there has been an uptick in violent crime in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in the month of January 2021, the City of Jackson experienced thirteen (13) homicides which involved eleven (11) firearms and the death of two (2) minor children; eight (8) aggravated assaults, with two (2) minor children arrested in connection therewith; and fifty-two (52) aggravated assaults, involving forty-six (46) different firearms; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I am concerned that without the declaration of a civil emergency the City of Jackson will experience increased rates of crime, particularly those involving children; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, and in the public interest, all extraordinary efforts must be taken to reduce instances of crime within the City of Jackson, especially those involving children as they are our most vulnerable and visionary residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 45-17-3 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 due to the increased rate of violent acts with such acts causing a threat to the peace and public welfare.

IT IS 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Proclamation shall be (1) promptly filed with the Municipal 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 Wednesday, February 17, 2021, or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation.

WITNESS MY HAND, on this the 3rd day of February 2021, at 4:05 am/pm.



CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA, MAYOR
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:



MUNICIPAL CLERK