

**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING THE CITY OF
DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI AS MISSISSIPPI'S LIVE OAK TREE CITY**

WHEREAS; the community known as Diamondhead, Mississippi is unique in so many ways and Live Oaks are a very visible and large part of that uniqueness with the City of Diamondhead's location having made it possible for live oak trees to thrive and grow in this community being situated on high ground overlooking marsh and rivers; and

WHEREAS; recognizing their beauty and value, historically, fifty (50) years ago the developers of our planned community preserved the many large live oaks that today frame the City adding character and uniqueness; and

WHEREAS; the Diamondhead Garden Club and Keep Diamondhead Beautiful together have developed projects to plant and restore more live oaks to the City with assistance from the City, scouts, the Youth Challenge Corps and others, and

WHEREAS; the Diamondhead Garden Club works to register all ancient live oaks on private property giving these trees historical significance and deserving recognition for their enhancement to the City; the ancient live oak trees are selected, measured, given a name, age and GPS location that is documented with the Hancock Historical Society and registered with the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS; live oaks live for hundreds of years and are resilient, withstanding the ravages of hurricanes and are a unique part of the south; these live oaks are an icon to the current branding of the City and are protected by the City Tree Ordinance, and

WHEREAS; by designating the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi as Mississippi's Live Oak Tree City will give the City a sense of pride and well-deserved special identity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Mayor and Council for the great City of Diamondhead, Mississippi do hereby proclaim the City of Diamondhead as Mississippi's Live Oak Tree City.

Proclaimed this the _____ day of _____ 2020

Attest: Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

Mayor Nancy Depreo

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