

## **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

## NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, for over 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Tupelo, Mississippi for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness including: The Salvation Army, Saints Brew, Tupelo-Lee County Hunger Coalition, multiple food banks, as well as many others in the Tupelo and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Homeless Task Force recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Tupelo; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with activities of The Salvation Army and the Mississippi United to End Homelessness(MUTEH).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Jason L. Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim November 15 - 22, 2020 as

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in the City of Tupelo and encourage all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit entities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi to be affixed this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST: