



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat and ultimately find cures for individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension, also known as (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, multiple treatments are available for PH but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not change in the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectance; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason L. Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020 as

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and urge all citizens of Tupelo to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi to be affixed this the 3rd day of November 2020.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk