

**Proclamation**

**IN APPRECIATION OF Standing Promise of Tomorrow Club**

WHEREAS, the Challenger League Sports program has been blessed over the past 14 years with a group of junior high and high school volunteers to build relationships and help those individuals with special needs be able to play sports in our recreation league regardless of their athletic ability; and

WHEREAS, the SPOT (Standing Promise of Tomorrow) Club under the leadership of Melissa Witcher for many years then assisted by Teresa Miles, and Shannon Hall have put the work in to ensure successful Therapeutic Sports for Tupelo and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, about 122 volunteers over 14 years have assisted Leigh Ann Mattox at Tupelo Parks and Recreation in planning and implementing sports leagues for soccer, softball, and basketball by helping athletes in every aspect of the game and managed games with maturity and grace; and

WHEREAS, the club has formed bonds with the families and athletes in the Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Program by hosting many holiday dances, carnivals, arts and crafts programs, assisted with Special Olympics swim practices and even the beloved Beyond the Cover Pageant, celebrating the beauty within each and every individual; and

WHEREAS, in July SPOT handed off volunteer responsibilities to the Shine Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Todd Jordan, Mayor of Tupelo, Mississippi, on behalf of the City of Tupelo and its duly elected City Council do hereby proclaim this day as SPOT Appreciation Day.