

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND DECLARATION OF THE CITY
OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI A DISASTER AREA**

WHEREAS, On February 26, 2020, by Executive Order 20-001, I, Jason Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, appointed Tupelo Fire Chief Thomas Walker to administer the city's preparation and response to the threat of an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, by Executive Orders 20-002 and 20-003, I, Jason Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, in consultation with the city's hoteliers limited the service of buffet-style meals at hotels and motels and in consultation with the Department Heads of the city administration canceled or postponed certain youth sports activities sponsored by the city; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi declared a state of emergency for the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a public emergency and extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property within the City of Tupelo, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of public emergency and extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in order to provide for the health and safety of the citizens and the protection of their property; and


THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Anno. Sec. 33-15-17 (d) (1972 as amended), it is hereby proclaimed that a state of local emergency exists throughout the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, and the areas encompassed by the boundaries of the City of Tupelo are hereby declared an area of local emergency and disaster beginning March 16, 2020.

2. Said local emergency and emergency disaster area are deemed to continue to exist until reviewed and either approved or disapproved by the City Council of the City of Tupelo at its next regular or special meeting.

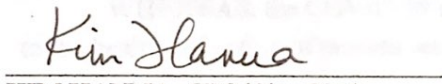
3. Additional Executive Orders will be announced as conditions warrant.
4. Tupelo Fire Chief Thomas Walker will continue to serve as the city's emergency response officer.
5. Chief Operations Officer Don Lewis is hereby designated as the city's emergency relief officer.

SO PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, this the 16th day of March 2020.



JASON L. SHELTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KIM HANNA, CFO/City Clerk

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF THE CONTINUING
EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND DESIGNATION OF A DISASTER AREA
IN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within the City of Tupelo, caused by imminent threat of COVID-19 outbreak, which commenced on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the Mayor's proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and the declaration of the property located within the limits of the City of Tupelo as a disaster area; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Jason Shelton, pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Anno. Section 33-15-17(d) (1972 as amended), proclaimed that a local emergency existed in the City of Tupelo; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with Miss. Code Anno. Section 33-15-17(d) (1972 as amended), the attached proclamation of the Mayor dated March 16, 2020, declaring a state of local emergency is hereby ratified and approved .

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Buddy Palmer moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member Lynn Bryan and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Whittington voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember L. Bryan voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Beard voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Davis voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Palmer voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember M. Bryan voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jennings voted	<u>Aye</u>

Having received a majority of the vote, the President and Council declared that the Resolution has passed and set forth above.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Nettie Y. Davis
NETTIE Y. DAVIS, City Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton
MISSY SHELTON, Council Clerk

APPROVED:

Jason L. Shelton
JASON L. SHELTON, Mayor

March 16, 2020
DATE

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Buddy Palmer moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member Lynn Bryan and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

- Councilmember Whittington voted Yes
- Councilmember L. Bryan voted Yes
- Councilmember Boyd voted Yes
- Councilmember Davis voted Yes
- Councilmember Palmer voted Yes
- Councilmember M. Bryan voted Yes
- Councilmember Jennings voted Yes

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM
A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, The City Council of the City of Tupelo found that due to the immediate threat of local emergency, a condition of extreme peril to life and property does exist in the City of Tupelo; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, in accordance with State Law 33-15-17(d) the City Council declared that an emergency does exist throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the effects of said emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be approved by the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi and that the City of Tupelo to be in a State of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Don Lewis, Chief Operations Officer is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Tupelo for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Markel Whittington moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member Mike Bryan and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Whittington voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember L. Bryan voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Beard voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Davis voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Palmer voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember M. Bryan voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jennings voted	<u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared, passed and adopted at a special call meeting of the Council on this the 16th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Nettie Y. Davis
NETTIE Y. DAVIS, City Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Jason L. Shelton
JASON L. SHELTON, Mayor

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- Councilmember Winters
- Councilmember L. Brown
- Councilmember Boyd
- Councilmember Davis
- Councilmember Pollock
- Councilmember M. Brown
- Councilmember Jennings

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing Resolution was adopted and adopted at a special call meeting of the Council on this the 16th day of March, 2020.