



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JACKIE CLAYTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jackie Clayton, a native of Pontotoc County, was hired on August 20, 1979, by then Tupelo Police Department Chief Ed Crider; and

WHEREAS, Chief Clayton, a 1978 graduate of the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration—Criminal Justice, worked his way up through the ranks from patrolman to Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Clayton's Tupelo Police Department career began with the Patrol and Motorcycle Unit and, after being promoted to a supervisory role, Chief Clayton served as Shift Sergeant, Shift Lieutenant, Shift Captain and Patrol Shift Major; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Chief Clayton's duties were again expanded with his being Major of Operations and taking on the responsibility of supervising the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit as well as Patrol Operations; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Chief Clayton was appointed a Deputy Chief with the addition of supervision of the Tupelo Police Criminal Investigation Division in addition to North Mississippi Narcotics Unit and Patrol Operations; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, Chief Clayton assumed the role of Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, during Chief Clayton's service with the Tupelo Police Department he helped in the organization of Tupelo Police's Field Training Officer Program and Chief Clayton was also a 1998 Graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy Session #192; and

WHEREAS, with over 42 years of continuous law enforcement service to the Tupelo Police Department and the citizens of Tupelo, Chief Clayton is currently the longest-serving officer in Tupelo Police Department history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Todd Jordan, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2021 as

JACKIE CLAYTON DAY

in the city of Tupelo, and I do hereby encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate his contributions to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi to be affixed this the 21st day of December, 2021.

Todd Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk