



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
**PIOMINKO DAY
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Revered Chickasaw leader, Piominko, also known as “Mountain Leader,” was born and resided in the heart of the historic Chickasaw Homeland, located in present-day Tupelo, MS, from approximately 1750 to 1798; and

WHEREAS, Piominko was the most influential and important Chickasaw ally of the United States during the early formation of the new republic, and his leadership was critical both for the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

WHEREAS, During the American Revolutionary War, Piominko was given a commission as an officer by President George Washington, and in 1794 he was presented with a peace medal by President Washington both for his service in the Revolution and his invaluable efforts in formalizing peaceful relations between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, Piominko and President Washington signed the Treaty between the Chickasaw and United States of 1786, also known as the Treaty of Hopewell which formalized the Chickasaw Nation’s alliance with the fledgling United States government and formally defined the tribal boundaries, and Piominko acted as a Chickasaw diplomat in meetings with southeastern tribes, state governors and President Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Rotary Club of Tupelo was instrumental in the commissioning and dedication of a 6-foot-tall Piominko statue, which now stands prominently in front of City Hall, and to this day, Rotary continues to work to increase public awareness of Piominko’s legacy and historical significance in Tupelo and North Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Chickasaw Nation proclaimed the 2nd Monday in October as Piominko Day, to be celebrated annually in perpetuity, and Piominko is recognized as a seminal figure in the history of Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, The Chickasaw Inkana Foundation, along with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the City of Tupelo will continue to work with the Chickasaw Nation and other regional partners to increase awareness of the importance of Chickasaw culture and history and preserve, protect and interpret Chickasaw culture and history in the historic Chickasaw Homeland;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Todd Jordan, Mayor of Tupelo, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2023, as

PIOMINKO DAY

In Tupelo, Mississippi, and encourage all citizens to recognize Piominko for his extraordinary leadership of the Chickasaw people and his dedicated efforts to secure peace between the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo to be affixed this the 9th day of October, the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty three.

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk

Brady Davis, CEO
Chickasaw Inkana Foundation

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Bill Dickerson, President
Tupelo Rotary Club

Sarah Harris, Regent
Mary Stuart Chapter, MSSDAR