

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Tupelo; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Tupelo unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason L. Shelton Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, call upon all citizens of Tupelo, and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10-16, 2020 as

POLICE WEEK

with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of the City of Tupelo, to observe Saturday, May 16th, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi to be affixed this the 4th day of May 2020.

ATTEST:

Jason L. Shelton Mayor

Kim Hanna, City Clerk