

## RESOLUTION

### **A REVIEW OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CREATED BY THE EFFECTS OF A SEVERE WINTER STORM AND DECLARING THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI TO BE A DISASTER AREA**

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of people and property within the City of Tupelo were created by the effects of a severe winter storm which commenced on or about January 23, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe winter storm brought about precipitation, freezing precipitation, high winds and extremely cold temperatures that created conditions hazardous to life and property, including hazardous travel, disruptions in public utility and communication services, and the closure of businesses, places of employment, and medical and emergency services, and such conditions of extreme peril caused disruptions to day-to-day life for citizens of Tupelo, Mississippi and the surrounding areas which necessitated the issuance of a declaration of local emergency (“Declaration”) by the Mayor of the City of Tupelo at or about 12:00 pm on January 23, 2026 pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17(d) (1972, amended) (Declaration attached hereto as Exhibit “A”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Tupelo desires to approve the Declaration and to ratify all emergency measures taken in response to the severe winter storm; and

**WHEREAS**, while some impacts of the severe winter storm may remain, it shall not be necessary to continue the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with Mississippi Code Anno. §33-15-17(d) (1972, as amended), the Declaration of Local Emergency issued on January 23, 2026, is hereby approved, and all actions taken in accordance with the Declaration in response to the severe winter storm are hereby ratified.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that while effects of the severe winter storm may linger, the declaration of local emergency shall be discontinued.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that all permit fees owed by any property owner due to home and property repairs made necessary by the effects of the severe winter storm commencing on January 23, 2026, and ending on February 3, 2026, shall be waived until the date of February 27, 2026. Property owners and renters that may have sustained damage

to their property because of the severe winter storm are encouraged to contact the Department of Development Services to inquire if any permits may be needed prior to repairs being made.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that that foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ and with there being no request that it be read aloud, the question was put to a vote, the results were as follows:

- Councilmember Mims voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Bryan voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Beard voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Davis voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Nolan voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Gaston voted \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilmember Jones voted \_\_\_\_\_

Having received an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present, the President declared the Resolution **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED** on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANET GASTON, City Council President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

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TODD JORDAN, Mayor

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DATE