



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

**WHEREAS**, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

**WHEREAS**, all people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

**WHEREAS**, family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

**WHEREAS**, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our city to access the family building option they need; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, Tupelo, Mississippi joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR JASON L. SHELTON**, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 as

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in the City of Tupelo, and encourage all citizens to join me in observing the week with educational activities that emphasize the importance of family building in our 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kim Hanna, City Clerk