



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

QUEEN'S REWARD MEADERY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward Meadery, located in Tupelo, Mississippi, is the state's first and only meadery and one of only a handful in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward is considered a winery by the federal government and the State of Mississippi, and is one of only two operating wineries in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, since becoming a federally licensed winery in 2016, Queen's Reward has converted over 30,000 pounds of honey into wine – the only meadery or winery that uses 100% Mississippi honey in all of its products; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward has won 28 medals in international wine competitions since 2018; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward's Winter Spice was selected in Allrecipes magazine and allrecipes.com "50 Food Gifts from 50 States" as the food gift to receive from Mississippi in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward has been mentioned in Cooking with Paula Dean, Rolling Stone Magazine-France, Good Grit Magazine, Forbes Magazine, Mud and Magnolias, Wine for Food Online, as well as many others; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward Meadery was instrumental in producing and distributing hand sanitizer during and after the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, mostly at no cost to businesses and residents of Tupelo and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Queen's Reward Meadery will celebrate its 3rd Anniversary on May 25, 2021 – the same day as International Wine Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason L. Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2021 as

QUEEN'S REWARD MEADERY DAY

in the city of Tupelo, and I do hereby encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate its accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi to be affixed this the 18th day of May, 2021.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk