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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER CLOSING CITY HALL AND NON-ESSENTIAL CITY OFFICES AND CITYOWNED OR LEASED NON-ESSENTIAL FACILITIES, AND REQUIRING NON-ESSENTIAL CITY EMPLOYEES TO WORK REMOTELY, AND RESTRICTING CITY EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

WHEREAS, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 45-17-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, do hereby declare a civil emergency and issue this Proclamation in the wake of the spread of the Delta and Omicron variants during the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Sections 45-17-7, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, have the authority to issue such orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property and in the interest of public safety and welfare, after proclamation of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Sections 45-17-7, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, previously declared and issued on January 21, 2021, a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Closing City Hall and Non-Essential City Offices and City-Owned or Leased Non-Essential Facilities, and Requiring Non-Essential City Employees to Work Remotely, and Restricting City Employee Travel which expired Friday, February 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, since the expiration of said January 21, 2021 Executive Order, the infectious spread of COVID-19 through both the Delta and Omicron variants has continued and dramatically increased in the City of Jackson, with a corresponding increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and death rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson does not have the luxury of a wait-and-see approach to the continued threat of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures related to preventing the spread of the Coronavirus are necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order to protect the public peace and preserve lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 45-17-7, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, do hereby issue this Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Closing City Hall and Non-Essential City Offices and City-Owned or Leased Non-Essential Facilities, and Requiring Non-Essential City Employees to Work Remotely, and Restricting City Employee Travel.

IT IS ORDERED that violations of this Proclamation of Executive Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and Section 86-1 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Proclamation of Executive Order be: (1) promptly filed with the City Clerk; (2) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation of Executive Order.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Proclamation of Executive Order is effective Wednesday, December 29, 2021 and shall remain in effect through Wednesday, January 5, 2021 or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation of Executive Order.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the <u>&</u> day of December, 2021 at <u>5:55</u> am/pm.

Chokwe A. Lumumba, MAYOR
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK