MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER UPDATING CURFEW IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 45-17-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, has declared and issued a civil emergency proclamation in the wake of Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19 spread); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 45-17-7, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, has the authority to issue such other 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, On March 17, 2020, Mayor Percy Louis Bland, III Ordered that a State of Civil Emergency be declared due to the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus to the health, welfare, and commerce of the Citizens of Meridian Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, City Council, on March 19, 2020, in accordance with Section 33-15-17 (d) ratified and approved the state of Emergency declared by Mayor Percy Bland to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and flatten the growth curve of cases, authorities, all over the globe, are taking extraordinary measures to prohibit and limit nonessential close personal contact; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Department of Health has advised the citizens of the State of Mississippi to practice social distancing measures and avoid large gatherings; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures related to 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, Percy L. Bland, Mayor of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 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 Meridian, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Executive Order imposing a Curfew within the Meridian, Mississippi city limits.

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Sections 45-17-1 and 45-17-5, that effective Friday, June 12, 2020, a curfew will be imposed within the Meridian, Mississippi city limits for five (5) days. Under this curfew all citizens ages 18 and under, after 9 p.m. and all ages 18 and above, after 11
p.m. CST, are prohibited from walking, running, loitering, standing, sitting, lying or motoring upon any alley, street, public property or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the municipality except persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency or those lawfully on the streets.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if any Citizen violates this Executive Order, a written citation warning will be issued for the first violation. If a Citizen violates this order a second time, the Citizen will be issued a citation and fined $25.00. If Citizen violates this order a third time or more, a citation will be issued and the $25.00 fine will be doubled and doubled thereafter for each subsequent violation not to exceed $300.00.¹

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that this Proclamation of Executive Order is effective Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation of Executive Order not to exceed 5 days. A Proclamation of Executive order rescinding the corresponding Proclamation of Civil Emergency will automatically rescind this Proclamation of Executive Order.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 12th day of June, 2020 at ___ am/pm.

PERCY BLAND, III, MAYOR
CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

BRANDYE LATIMER, CITY CLERK

¹ For Juvenile offenders, their Parents will be fined pursuant to this Executive Order.