CIVIL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING CURFEW

BY MAYOR JIM STRICKLAND, CITY OF MEMPHIS

No. 24-2020

WHEREAS, individuals have a right to lawfully assembly for non-violent protests and demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the City understands its obligations to permit expressive activity subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions necessitated by the existing public safety concerns for citizens, public safety employees and protestors; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people have gathered in cities across the nation over the past week to demand justice for George Floyd, an African-American man killed while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department on May 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020 and May 31, 2020, large demonstrations protesting police brutality were held in Memphis. These demonstrations ended peacefully but were followed by civil disturbances and violence by some individuals, including property damage, vandalism, and inciting a riot; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive No. 19-2020 pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and City of Memphis Code §9-24, et seq., establishing a curfew for the City of Memphis from 10 p.m. on June 1, 2020 to 6 a.m. on June 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive No. 21-2020 renewing the curfew for the City of Memphis from 10 p.m. on June 2, 2020 to 6 a.m. on June 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive No. 23-2020 renewing the curfew for the City of Memphis from 10 p.m. on June 3, 2020 to 6 a.m. on June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Memphis supports peaceful public assemblies, a real and imminent threat of civil disturbances and violence still exists. In the interest of public safety and welfare, it is necessary to extend the curfew to ensure the continued safety of the public and the protection of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby extend the curfew established in Executive Order No. 19-2020. The curfew shall be in effect for the City of Memphis from 10 p.m. on June 4, 2020 to 5 a.m. on June 5, 2020. This curfew shall not apply to persons lawfully on the streets for employment, health, safety purposes. This curfew shall not apply to medical personnel in the performance of their duties. The remaining provisions of Executive No. 19-2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on June 4, 2020.

Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 4th day of June, 2020