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Press Release

Reference: Enacting a 9 p.m. - 5 a.m. curfew for the City of Canton until further notice

The Honorable Mayor William Truly Jr., M.D. hereby calls a **Press Conference at 10:30 a.m. today at City Hall, Canton, MS 226 East Peace Street** to announce a **curfew for the City of Canton**. This curfew will be in effect until further notice. As a practicing physician and as the Mayor of the City of Canton it is extremely important that the citizens of Canton understand the sacrifice that must be made and the importance of distance socialization. It is critically important that the citizens of Canton follow the guidelines of CDC and the advice of its Mayor in mitigating the spread of this dreadful virus.

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AMENDED PROCLAMATION

AMENDED MAYORAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE, CLOSING BARS, LIMITING ACCESS TO RESTAURANTS AND ESTABLISHING A CURFEW IN THE CITY OF CANTON BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§45-17-1 through 45-17-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, entitled Civil Emergencies, authorizes the Mayor of the City of Canton to proclaim that a Civil Emergency exists defined as any natural disaster or man-made calamity resulting in the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Emergencies law authorizes the Mayor to issue a civil emergency proclamation in wake of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), and issue such orders as he deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Canton, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread across this nation and is a worldwide pandemic and as of March 29, 2020, the Mississippi Department of Health has reported 758 positive confirmed cases and 14 deaths in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Governor for the State of Mississippi has also issued Executive Orders, and has warned that a shelter-in-place order could be imminent for some Mississippi communities, therefore as the Mayor of the City of Canton, Mississippi in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 and flatten the growth curve must take extraordinary measures to prohibit and limit non-essential close personal contact among the citizens of this City; and

WHEREAS, the below extraordinary measures related to preventing the spread of COVID-19 are necessary and expedient for the health safety, welfare and good order to protect the public peace and preserve lives.

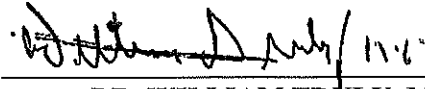
NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM TRULY, JR. M.D., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME PURSUANT TO §§45-17-1 THROUGH 45-17-13 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED CIVIL EMERGENCIES, HEREBY ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION THAT A CIVIL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, DO HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. MARCH 30, 2020:

1. All events of more than 10 people in the City of Canton are hereby prohibited, and that violation of same may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

2. The following are excluded from the definition of an event for purposes of this Emergency Proclamation: public locations, where people pass through transportation centers, and public squares; retail establishments such as grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, and banks are not events; including medical facilities, office environments, factories, schools, universities, and City owned or leased buildings where essential functions and services are being carried out are not events.
3. A city-wide curfew will be strictly enforced from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Persons should not be on the public street or in any public place unless it is for traveling to or from work or for medical personnel in the performance of their duties. First Responders and law enforcement are exempt from this curfew.
4. All restaurants located in the City of Canton without drive-in or drive-through services, may only provide take-out, pick-up, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law. There shall be no in-house dining or available sitting areas for the public. There shall not be more than 10 employees and 10 customers inside above-mentioned businesses at any one time. These establishments must close by 9:00 p.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m.
5. All bars, nightclubs, lounges, taverns, and private clubs located in the City of Canton shall close, except to the extent that such establishments may only provide take-out, pick-up, delivery, or drive-through services for food as allowed by law. There shall not be more than 10 employees and 10 customers inside above-mentioned businesses at any one time. These establishments must close by 9:00 p.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m.
6. That only to the extent allowed by state and federal law and the United States Constitution, this Proclamation and Emergency Order prohibiting and limiting events is applicable to spiritual and faith-based gatherings.
7. During this emergency, funeral services are recommended to be held on the property of a funeral home or the Canton Multipurpose Complex. Regardless of the location, all funeral services shall have a strictly enforced 50-person limit. Use of the Canton Multipurpose Complex will allow space for social distancing and will be available for funerals at no cost during this civil emergency. Any repast or other meal will not be allowed at the Canton Multipurpose Complex.
8. Liquor stores shall provide curbside delivery only and have no more than 10 employees inside at any one time.
9. Barber and beauty shops and nail salons/spas shall not have more than 10 employees and 10 customers inside the business at any one time and shall close at 9:00 p.m.

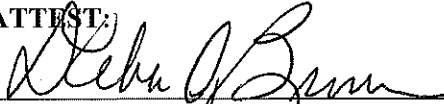
IT IS FINALLY ORDERED THAT THIS Emergency Proclamation and is effective Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect until further notice, or until this Order is rescinded or superseded by another applicable Proclamation or Executive Order.

WITNESS MY HAND, THIS THE _____ day of March, 2020 at _____ a.m./p.m.



DR. WILLIAM TRULY, MAYOR
CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:



DEBRA BROWN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

