



PROCLAMATION

Mayor's Support of United States Department of Transportation's Pedestrian and Bicycle Policy Initiative

WHEREAS, last month United States Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood issued a Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Regulations and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, this policy offers an unprecedented level of support for pedestrian and bicycle needs, and in it Secretary LaHood calls on state and local government agencies to adopt similar policy statements; and

WHEREAS, tonight I would like the City of Tupelo to officially offer its support for this policy, which complements many of the goals in our 2025 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Secretary LaHood's policy states in part that "Every transportation agency, including the Department of Transportation, has the responsibility to improve conditions and opportunities for walking and bicycling and to integrate walking and bicycling into their transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, because of the numerous individual and community benefits that walking and bicycling provide – including health, safety, environmental, transportation, and quality of life – transportation agencies are encouraged to go beyond minimum standards to provide safe and convenient facilities for these modes"; and

WHEREAS, I am pleased to see that the Secretary recognizes the importance of walking and biking, as I do and as the residents of Tupelo do, and I hope that the Mississippi Department of Transportation and other cities in Mississippi will recognize and support this policy as well.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Reed, Jr., Mayor of the City of Tupelo and the City Council do hereby recognize and support this policy as well.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Tupelo this 6th day of April in the year 2010.

Jack Reed, Jr.

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Mayor

ATTEST: