

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A  
NEW STADIUM FOR JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University, located approximately 42 miles east from the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was founded in 1877 as Natchez Seminary by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and was later renamed in 1974 to Jackson State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University is one of the largest historically Black colleges and universities in the United States and is the fourth largest university in Mississippi based on student enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University is a public, coeducational institution that offers more than 90 Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degree programs in a range of fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University's football team, a member of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision and the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) with the team's mascot being the Tiger, is highly regarded for winning 16 SWAC titles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson State University football program, presently under the leadership of President Thomas K. Hudson and Head Football Coach Deion Sanders, is emerging as a powerhouse team garnering national and international attention and bringing positive attention to the State of Mississippi and enhancing economic growth in the cities surrounding Jackson especially the City of Vicksburg; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vicksburg Warren Alumnae Chapter of Jackson State University requested that the City of Vicksburg join in support of the City of Jackson in requesting that a football stadium be built for the football team; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, George Flaggs, Jr., is a 1984 Jackson State University graduate and former member of the Mississippi Legislature from 1988 until 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the positive economic effect on the City of Vicksburg, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Vicksburg to join in support for the construction of a new football stadium for Jackson State University which should be located on the campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor George Flaggs, Jr., former legislative member, now calls on (1) Tate Reeves, Governor of Mississippi; (2) Delbert Hosemann, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi; and (3) Philip Gunn, Mississippi Speaker of the House, to assist Jackson State University in the construction and funding of the new Jackson State University stadium which should be built and located on the University's campus.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg hereby joins in support for the construction of a new football stadium for Jackson State University which should be built and located on the University's campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor George Flaggs, Jr., former legislative member, hereby requests (1) Tate Reeves, Governor of Mississippi; (2) Delbert Hosemann, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi; and (3) Philip Gunn, Mississippi Speaker of the House, assist Jackson State University in the construction and funding of the new Jackson State University stadium which should be built and located on the University's campus.

SO RESOLVED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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GEORGE FLAGGS, JR., MAYOR

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MICHAEL A. MAYFIELD, SR., ALDERMAN

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ALEX J. MONSOUR, JR., ALDERMAN

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Walter Osborne, Jr. the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of City, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular meeting held on November 7, 2022.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2022.

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CITY CLERK

