RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY A TWO (2) MIL INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND FOR THE OPERATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWLY ENLARGED SOUTH-WEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to §19-5-189(2)(c) MS Code of 1972 (Annotated), which sets forth the process of levying millage increases for the purpose of supporting the operation, support, and maintenance of fire protection districts in the state of Mississippi ("fire millage"); and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023, the Madison County Board of Supervisors approved the Petition for Annexation presented to it by the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District to incorporate the proposed annexed area, shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, into the boundaries of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2023, after being duly noticed, a public hearing was conducted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of receiving public input regarding enlargement of the boundaries, by annexation, of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District, and there being no objection being registered or heard on the matter, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to approve said annexation, finding that the annexation by the fire protection district was justified by public convenience and necessity, and that the action was sound and desirable (see July 3, 2023 minutes of Madison County Board of Supervisors, attached herein as Exhibit "B"); and

WHEREAS, after finding that the annexation was well taken, and to support the operation and maintenance of the newly enlarged South-West Madison County Fire Protection District, and its need for additional revenues, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has determined that a two (2) mil increase for fire protection is necessary and appropriate, increasing the current millage of 5.62 to 7.62 mils; and that such an increase in fire millage for the purposes of fire protection in the newly enlarged jurisdiction of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District should be adopted by approval of the Resolution herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to defray the cost of fire protection in the newly enlarged territory of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District., and in order to support the operation of the fire district, as a whole, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to this Resolution, notices its Intent to Levy a Two-Mil Increase upon the users and patrons, and all who are otherwise affected, impacted and serviced by the offering of fire protection from the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District, the effect of which is to increase the fire millage from 5.62 mils, to 7.62 mils.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published once per week, for a period of three (3) weeks, in a newspaper having a general circulation within the county, and by the posting of same at three (3) public places, for a period of twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publishing in the newspaper.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY A TWO-MIL INCREASE TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEWLY ENLARGED JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTH-WEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT was made by Supervisor______, and seconded by Supervisor ______, and said RESOLUTION OF INTENT was APPROVED, by the following vote:

| District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones | |
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| District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter | |
| District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen | |
| District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks | |
| District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin | |

ATTESTATION:

(SEAL)

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk