

City of Memphis



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in May of 2015, the Memphis in May International Festival honored the country of Poland and, in keeping with its goal of bringing the World to Memphis and Memphis to the World, friendships and partnerships developed; and

WHEREAS, the idea of the **Memphis in Poland Festival** was formed during the celebration of Poland at Memphis in May; former Polish ambassador to the U.S. Ryszard Schnepf and members of the Polish-American Society of Memphis, including Jacek Dutkiewicz and Pawel Jankowski, worked together to create this festival directed toward sharing music, arts, and culture native to Memphis with an international audience in Poland; and

WHEREAS, this unique event will kick off on June 12th, 2017 in Gdańsk, Poland and will celebrate cultural diversity and ethnicity through musical performances, cultural exhibitions, educational seminars focused on Memphis' Civil Rights Movement, and a culinary show; and

WHEREAS, the goal of **Memphis in Poland** is to solidify a partnership between both regions that will flourish for many years to come, providing opportunities for educational and cultural exchanges, facilitating commerce, and promoting tourism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis is proud to be a part of the unifying power and joy that cultural exchange brings to the quality of life for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE do hereby applaud **Memphis in Poland**, their sponsors and coordinators for their efforts to raise awareness of Memphis history and culture in Poland, and to deepen the relationships between our communities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Memphis to be affixed this 12th day of June 2017.


JIM STRICKLAND
Mayor