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SFMO STATEMENT ON THALIA MARA HALL

JACKSON, *Miss.* – Please attribute the following quote to State Fire Marshal and Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney. Questions should be directed to the City of Jackson.

“The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) conducted a follow-up walkthrough at Thalia Mara Hall on Thursday, January 30, 2025, and determined that the building did not meet standards to reopen. While some fire safety issues have been fixed other issues are still being addressed. For example, fire curtains have not been installed; maintenance and inspection paperwork was not available for the elevator and escalators; the fire alarm system is showing trouble and there’s no timeline on when it may be fixed; the sprinkler system needs to be inspected and tested; and fire suppression tools need to be properly tagged. When the City of Jackson (COJ) has addressed these safety concerns another walkthrough will be scheduled. The State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to working with City of Jackson officials to protect the health and safety of the public and important cultural structures like Thalia Mara Hall.”

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