



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, **Sgt. Steven McMellon, Cody Crager, Preston Yarbrough and Justin Cagle** are Officer's with the Pascagoula Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2023, the officers responded to a call in reference to a man threatening to commit suicide on the Jackson County Veterans Memorial Bridge on US Highway 90. When the Officers arrived they found a man on the railing of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, **Sgt. McMellon, Officer Cody Crager, Officer Preston Yarbrough** , and **Officer Justin Cagle** all demonstrated great compassion and professionalism while attempting to get the man to retreat to the roadway and off the railing. They tried to deescalate the situation for a number of minutes, but the man refused; and

WHEREAS, the officers set safety procedures in place with dispatching the Pascagoula Police Departments rescue boat. When all previsions were in place the officers swiftly grabbed the individual by the waist and removed him down off the railing and onto the safety of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the individual was placed into the back of a patrol car and transported to the Pascagoula Police Department to be evaluated by Acadian Ambulance Service; and

WHERAS, the Officers exhibited professionalism, compassion, and bravery in saving the life of the individual who clearly wanted to commit suicide.

NOW THEREFORE, I Jay Willis, Mayor of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi on behalf of the City Council do hereby honor Sgt. Steven McMellon, Officer Cody Crager, Officer Preston Yarbrough and Officer Justin Cagle for their heroism, dedication and service to the community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed the seal of the City of Pascagoula on this, the _____ day of _____ 2023.

Jay Willis
Mayor