



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Statistics show 50 percent of the elderly residing in nursing homes have no close relatives and 46 percent have no living children and 60 percent have no outside visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2014, Lee and Kathy Rogers founded Adopt a Grandparent Day to recognize and honor the life and value of the elderly in our society and provide them with love and affection; and

**WHEREAS,** Adopt a Grandparent Day is observed on the second Saturday in September each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Adopt a Grandparent Day is set aside for community volunteers to honor those who are often dishonored during a time in their lives when they should be appreciated the most; and

**WHEREAS,** Adopt a Grandparent became recognized as a Mississippi Charitable Organization in 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** The outreach efforts of Adopt a Grandparent has impacted thousands of lives since its inception with hundreds of volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** Adopt a Grandparent visits numerous nursing facilities and retirement homes in Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Stone, Pearl River and George counties; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I** Jay Willis, Mayor of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi on behalf of the City Council do hereby Proclaim September 9, 2023 as

### **ADOPT A GRANDPARENT DAY**

in the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

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

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**Jay Willis**  
**Mayor**