



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, **Preston Yarbrough** is an Officer with the Pascagoula Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On August 10, 2022, officers responded to a home in reference to a man threatening to commit suicide. When **Officer Yarbrough** and Sergeant Chabut opened the door, they found a man holding a gun to his chest; and

WHEREAS, **Officer Yarbrough** and Sergeant Chabut both demonstrated great compassion and professionalism while attempting to get the man to drop his weapon. They tried to deescalate the situation for a number of minutes, but the man pulled the trigger; and

WHEREAS, The officers swiftly grabbed their trauma kit and began rendering aid by placing a chest seal on the male's front and one on his back; and

WHEREAS, Acadian Ambulance transported the man to Singing River Hospital where he was immediately taken to emergency surgery for his life-threatening injury; and

WHEREAS, The emergency room said if these two officers did not provide the emergency lifesaving procedure, the man would have died. The nursing staff was extremely impressed to find out that two police officers had provided lifesaving care and not a paramedic on the ambulance.

NOW THEREFORE, I Jay Willis, Mayor of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi on behalf of the City Council do hereby honor **Officer Preston Yarbrough** for his 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 _____ 2022.

Jay Willis
Mayor