



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The William Faulkner Literary Committee has selected Martin Hegwood as the 2022 winner of the Novel Category for his manuscript titled *Memphis*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hegwood's selection was announced at the 25th William Faulkner Literary Luncheon, an event held each September in New Albany, Mississippi where William Faulkner was born in 1897; and

WHEREAS, The competition is limited to literary works that have not yet been published; and

WHEREAS, The contest is international in scope, and this year's competition drew 353 entries from 43 states and 10 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hegwood, who splits his time between Canton, Mississippi and his home town of Pascagoula, is the only Mississippian in the history of the competition to win first place in the Novel Category. He has previously published four novels with St. Martin's Press of New York, and his book *Green-Eyed Hurricane* won the Mississippi Author's Award for Fiction given annually for the best work of fiction by a Mississippi writer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hegwood is currently conducting research for a limited biography of William Faulkner and his time in Pascagoula in the mid-to-late 1920's.

NOW THEREFORE, I Jay Willis, Mayor of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi on behalf of the City Council do hereby honor Martin Hegwood for his accomplishment in being named the 2022 winner of the Novel Category by the William Faulkner Literary Committee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed the seal of the City of Pascagoula on this, the _____ day of _____ 2022.

Jay Willis
Mayor