ORDER: ADOPT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT DESIGNATION AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Motion was made by Larry Gillespie, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to adopt Resolution requesting the State of Mississippi County Road Department designation as First Responders.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes Supervisor David Rikard, absent Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 20^{th} day of November, 2023.

Mike Roberts, President Board of Supervisors Sherry Wall, Ghancery Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, First Responders include all professionals and volunteer fire, police, emergency medical technician (EMT), and paramedic workers; and

WHEREAS, First Responders are defined as those individuals who immediately answer when disaster strikes unexpectedly; and

WHEREAS, a big part to responding to any emergency is contingent under those professionals' ability to get to any problem and start working to resolve the problem; and

WHEREAS, county road crew employees should be considered as First Responders because it is their responsibility to keep roads and bridges cleared and open when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, according to workman's comp statistics and fees, those road crew workers are at an extreme risk to be injured or killed in the line of work; and

WHEREAS, the county desires the state to enact a law recognizing or designating these men and women as First Responders and provide said workers the same privileges as other first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County, Mississippi that the Mississippi Legislature enact legislation designating county road department workers as First Responders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that including in this legislation is a designation of first responder status for county road department crew members under Miss. Code Ann. § 25-15-403 as well as any other privilege allowed to First Responders under Mississippi law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread across the permanent minutes of the Board of Supervisors and a copy be sent to the Mississippi State Legislature.

SO RESOLVED, this the 20th day of November, 2023.

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ATTEST:

LAFAYETTE COUNTY