

MEMORANDUM

May 14, 2026

To: Alan Gibbs
Lamarcus Davis
Eddie Rowland
John Ambrose
Al Turner

From: Lorri Byrd

Subject: Proclamation for Harold Boone

A proclamation for Harold Boone has been prepared and attached for the May 19, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Regards,

Lorri Byrd

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Jim Hedges, County Manager
Kimbel Stokes, Public Works Director



Alan Gibbs, Chairman
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PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING HAROLD BOONE'S SERVICE TO MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Monroe County Commissioners wish to recognize the heroic service of late Monroe County Emergency Services (MCES) firefighter Harold Boone, who tragically passed away from COVID-19 at the age of 20 on Nov. 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Boone served as an MCES firefighter for four years from 2016-19, where he was renowned for his skills at servicing fire trucks, cooking, and mentoring young firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Boone dedicated his entire adult life to fire service, working for the Macon-Bibb Fire Department for 25 years before retiring and joining MCES in 2016, where he received a meritorious service award in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Boone was married to wife Sharon for 32 years, and the couple raised their granddaughter, Nyjahae Boone-Whitehead; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon Boone's passing, his friend and fellow firefighter, Dr. Margie Bryant, organized a virtual 5K road race in November 2020 to provide financial assistance to the Boone family; and

WHEREAS, Bryant has continued to host a race in Boone's memory on an annual basis and has now raised about \$24,000 for the Boone family, much of which has been used to provide for Nyjahae's college education; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners are appreciative of both Firefighter Boone's bravery and sacrifice and Firefighter Bryant's desire to memorialize her brother in service; and

RESOLVED, that congratulations are sent to Firefighter Boone's family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Boone's wife Sharon and to Firefighter Bryant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Gibbs, Chairman, on behalf of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2026 as Harold Boone Appreciation Day and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 19th day of May, 2026.

Alan Gibbs, Chairman

Monroe County Board of Commissioners