

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2017, Bradley Eugene Murphy gave his life to save another when he assisted Steven Wahler in rescuing a 12 year old boy from the rough surf in Gulf Shores, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, heroic actions do not go unnoticed. In 1904, Andrew Carnegie set up the Carnegie Hero Fund after Selwyn M. Taylor and Daniel A. Lyle gave their lives in rescue attempts following the Harwick Mine disaster in Harwick, Pennsylvania on January 25, 1904. Greatly touched by Taylor's and Lyle's sacrifice, Carnegie had medals privately minted for their families, and within two months he wrote the Hero Fund's governing "Deed of Trust" with a trust fund of \$5 million, which was adopted by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission on April 15, 1904; and

WHEREAS, the three inch in diameter bronze medals which are given to awardees, are struck by Simons Brothers of Philadelphia and a verse from the Gospel of John encircles the outer edge: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2018, a total of 10,062 Carnegie Medals have been awarded since the Fund was established, with the Fund paying \$40.5 million in grants, scholarships, death benefits, and other aid; and

WHEREAS, only 11% of nominees have received the Carnegie Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Koniar, speaking on behalf of all our citizens along the Gulf Coast communities, publicly go on record and proclaim

Mr. Bradley Eugene Murphy

a true hero and because of his unwavering act of bravery, I am very honored to present the Carnegie Medal to Mr. Fred Murphy.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this
15th day of July, 2019.

Attest: _____

