Caldwell County, North Carolina

Commendation

honoring

Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger

WHEREAS, *Caldwell County believes in the recognition of law enforcement officers for their heroic actions and outstanding efforts in service to the community. In keeping with this belief, Caldwell County is honoring NCWRC Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger for his valor and lifesaving efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *On July 20, 2024, Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger was patrolling the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River Wilderness Area and responded to a child in the roadway saying his parents were in the water drowning; and*

WHEREAS, *Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger ran down to the river and selflessly entered the water to pull the first victim to the shore where he began lifesaving efforts with the assistance of Lieutenant Isaac Hannah and Sergeant Dustin Ethridge; and*

WHEREAS, *Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger upon being made aware of a second infant victim downstream, reentered the water with Sergeant Dustin Ethridge and together swam the infant to the shore where lifesaving efforts were started; and*

WHEREAS, *Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger reentered the water a third time to rescue a man who was trapped in a recirculating current against a steep slippery rock face; and*

WHEREAS, *Master Officer Jonathan R Kiger prevented the loss of an additional life during this tragic incident by swimming this person to the safety of the shore where they were both pulled from the river by Sergeant Dustin Ethridge.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Randy T. Church, Chairman of the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, North Carolina, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Caldwell County, do hereby commend NCWRC Master Officer Jonathan R. Kiger for his great courage and disregard for his own safety and present him with the law enforcement awards for Valor and Life Saving.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the County of Caldwell to be affixed this twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four.*