

## Proclamation

## Life Saving Award

WHEREAS Joshua Elliott is an Investigator with the City of Dunn Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023 at 10:00 p.m., the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call for a disturbance at 7805 Ramsey Street, Linden NC where a female visibly in distress requested the clerk call 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, while Deputies were enroute to the location, an aggressive male became increasingly hostile towards the female subject and eventually began to assault her. Investigator Joshua Elliott was off duty, inside the store and attempted to intervene; and

WHEREAS the male assailant drew a handgun and began firing as he ran out of the store, and as a result, struck Investigator Elliott. Investigator Elliott returned fire striking the suspect several times; and

WHEREAS Investigator Elliott was transported to a hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries and was released and the male suspect was apprehended by responding Deputies and transported to a hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS Investigator Elliott's actions on the evening of this incident saved the life of the female victim, the store clerk inside of the business and customers who were inside. This heroic act displayed Investigator Elliott's commitment to uphold the law enforcement oath of office whenever duty calls; and

WHEREAS Investigator Elliott's dedication to his career, his years of training and his calling to be a Police Officer and work in Law Enforcement, to "be alert and vigilant to enforce the criminal laws of this State", gave him the ability to act and respond in this crisis situation in order to save lives, and by doing so, became a hero.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, William P. Elmore, Jr., Mayor of Dunn, North Carolina, and on behalf of the City Council do hereby express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Investigator Joshua Elliott for recognizing the severity of this situation and taking immediate action to save the lives of those in harm's way. Tonight, we proudly honor Investigator Joshua Elliot for his heroic action!

So proclaimed this the 22nd day of January 2024.

William P. Elmore Jr.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Williams, CMC, NCCMC

City Clerk