

Office of the Mayor

COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, In the morning hours of Tuesday, August 21st, 2018, City of Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Valleskey, and Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Kiel were dispatched to S. 16th Street at the Manitowoc River within the City of Manitowoc for a female in distress in the river; and

WHEREAS, upon arriving on scene were directed to the bank of the River by a 911 caller; and

WHEREAS, a female was found in the River that appeared to be in distress in which both firefighters attempted to assist with a self-rescue of the female in distress;

WHEREAS, both Firefighter/Paramedics found that the female was unable to perform a self-rescue and began to go beneath the surface of the water causing greater concern of the situation escalating; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Valleskey entered the Manitowoc River in order to provide a rescue of the female; and

WHEREAS, the female was safely removed from the River and provided care by Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department EMS Services.

Now, therefore, I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby commend and congratulate Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Valleskey, and Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Kiel, for their brave efforts in controlling a potentially life threatening situation with their commendable decision making and tactical efforts.

**Signed and sealed this
17th Day of September,
Two Thousand and Eighteen.**

**Justin M. Nickels, Mayor
City of Manitowoc**