



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
-PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA • STATE OF LOUISIANA-

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Ponchatoula recognizes the honorable service performed in the defense of our nation by the crew members of the USS Ponchatoula; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the invaluable contribution of the Ponchatoula School students and community in gathering scrap metal in the 1940's for the ultimate construction of the USS Ponchatoula; and

WHEREAS, the men who have served in the Navy of the United States of America have made major contributions toward the preservation of freedom of this nation and its people; and

WHEREAS, in memory of Orrin Dutch Battle, the sole Ponchatoula resident to serve on the USS Ponchatoula, for his valiant efforts during his military stay; and

WHEREAS, because of the services performed by these gallant Americans, especially those aboard the USS Ponchatoula, the nation and the free world are eternally grateful for their contributions to the advancement of the cause of an honorable world peace; and

WHEREAS, we call upon all citizens to observe this day with the appropriate appreciation in honor of those who served on the USS Ponchatoula, to preserve the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that in honor of this occasion, I, Robert F. Zabbia, Mayor of the great City of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, do declare Tuesday, May 4th, 2010,

USS PONCHATOULA SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION DAY



IN WITNESS I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL
OF THIS CITY TO BE AFFIXED

MAYOR


ROBERT F. ZABBIA

DATE


May 4, 2010