

Exhibit "A"

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman find that it has been necessary to hire additional policemen to protect and insure the safety of the civil rights workers now in the City of Drew, and,

WHEREAS, all civil rights workers have repeatedly proclaimed that they are constantly threatened, harassed and live in constant fear; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman of the City of Drew, at a special meeting duly called and held at 3:00 o'clock, P.M. on this the 14th day of August, A.D., 1964, directed that all civil rights workers be given special protection;

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Drew, Mississippi, I hereby proclaim;

That all civil rights workers in the City of Drew at the close of the normal working day of the day City Policemen be taken into protective custody and held in the City jail until the beginning of the next normal working day of the police force, and that the night policemen attend to the needs of said persons while in protective custody.

This proclamation shall take effect and be enforced from and after this date.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 14th day of August, A.D., 1964.

(SEAL)

/s/ W. O. Williford, Mayor

City of Drew