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### **Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces Promotional Partnership Between MDAC and Jackson State University**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced a promotional partnership between the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) and Jackson State University (JSU). Commissioner Gipson was joined by JSU President Marcus Thompson, Ph.D. and JSU’s Student Government Association Vice President Morgan Graves.

This partnership is part of an initiative to promote universities within the state through MDAC’s Bureau of Regulatory Services inspection stickers. Each year, these inspection stickers feature the school colors of a different Mississippi university for 12 months. MDAC’s Bureau is divided into area-specific divisions that regulate certain businesses within the state. Four divisions – Weights and Measures, the State Metrology Laboratory, Petroleum Products Inspection and Consumer Protection – administer these stickers throughout retail locations statewide upon passing inspection. The 2024 MDAC inspection stickers feature JSU’s colors, Navy Blue and Thee I Love Blue.

“We’re proud to have Jackson State University represented on our 2024 Bureau of Regulatory Services inspection stickers,” said Commissioner Gipson. “It may seem like a simple thing, but I believe it’s an important partnership that can have a profound impact. We value Jackson State and the great work that they do, and this initiative not only educates the public on what the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce does to ensure fairness in the marketplace for our citizens, but also raises awareness of our local universities and the unique opportunities they provide.”

This collaborative effort between MDAC and institutions of higher education around the state is designed to strengthen the relationship between the agriculture community and universities, promote awareness of Mississippi’s colleges and create opportunities for both the public and students to learn more about their state agency’s regulatory functions.

“We wholeheartedly support Commissioner Gipson and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce’s efforts to promote our state institutions. Their initiative showcases the diversity and spirit of our universities and symbolizes our commitment to collaboration and mutual support,” said President

Thompson. “I also want to highlight the significance of collaboration with our community partners because it helps foster growth not only for Jackson State, but also for the city of Jackson and the state of Mississippi as a whole.”

MDAC inspection stickers are awarded to ensure fairness and equity in the marketplace. From produce scales at the grocery store to gas pumps at service stations and much more, MDAC inspectors work hard for the citizens of Mississippi. In 2023 alone, MDAC’s Bureau of Regulatory Services tested 17,178 various scales and 58,607 devices found at gas stations.

If you have any questions or concerns about the quality, weight or quantity of product(s) purchased, contact the number provided on the corresponding MDAC inspection sticker. Visit [www.mdac.ms.gov](http://www.mdac.ms.gov) to learn more about the various programs offered by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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**Photos attached.**



**Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced a promotional partnership between the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and Jackson State University. Pictured L-R: Gene Robertson, Interim Director of the State Metrology Laboratory; Clay Hammons, Director of Petroleum Products Inspection; Jennifer Thompson, Director of the Bureau of Regulatory Services; Commissioner Andy Gipson; Morgan Graves, JSU’s SGA Vice President; JSU President Marcus Thompson, Ph.D.; Henri Fuselier, Director of Consumer Protection; and Brent Bowman, Director of Weights & Measures.**

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