



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Presented to

Amy Coetzee

From 11 to the 13 April 2022, days of heavy rain across KwaZulu-Natal led to deadly floods. Particularly hard-hit were areas in and around Durban. At least 435 people died across the province, with an unknown number of people still missing as of 13 April 2022. Several thousand homes were damaged or destroyed. Critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication and electrical systems, was impacted by the flooding, and this damage greatly hampered rescue, recovery and relief efforts.

Amy Coetzee is being recognised for her courage and determination on 11 April 2022 when she and members of her NSRI Station, along with the national and local emergency services, rendered aid and assistance in multiple flood-related incidents. These incidents occurred along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland due to heavy rainfall, resulting in devastating floods in Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Amy's part in supporting Jonathan Kellermann's Team and her own actions in the rescuing of numerous people trapped in houses, warehouses and parked long-haul trucks between Riverhorse Valley and Peter Road, using JetRibs and 4.7m Rescue Craft to navigate the fast-flowing rivers of swift brown water through submerged vegetation and trees to access the various sites of trapped residents to bring them to safety.

Amy Coetzee's personal bravery that day, going to the aid of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, without concern for her own safety, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Meritorious Service Award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Velloza'.

Jonathan Velloza
Chairman: Board of Directors



19 July 2024

Date