

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission Special Proclamation

Recognizing the Foster Grandparent's Volunteer Program

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend AmeriCorps Seniors Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its (44) forty-four years of exceptional service in Caddo and Bossier; and now including Desoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program;

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is under a new sponsorship, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), and it is federally funded program by the Corporation for National and Community Service, now known as the AmeriCorps Seniors (new brand) a federal agency, that brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors FGP volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities;

WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers seniors, who are (55) fifty-five years of age or older, the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth one-on-one, helps to improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, helping children who suffer from abuse or neglect, and provide support to children of veterans or who have a deployed family members; and serving over 280, 000 special needs children through a network of various organizations; and helping to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of Caddo/Bossier/Desoto FGP's volunteers to devote their time, experience, and compassion with the needs of children to learn and prepare for the life ahead of them; and

WHEREAS, this program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children, enriching your life while enriching the lives of others. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who serve with in the Foster Grandparent program provide the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on a path to a successful future. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served their community.

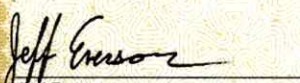
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of April, 2024, that it does hereby proclaim May 3, 2024 as:


"AMERICORPS SENIORS FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER DAY"

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish to celebrate, commend and congratulate the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its (44) forty-four years of exceptional service to children and hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the future.

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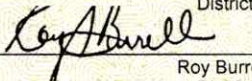


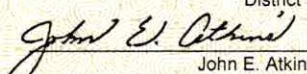

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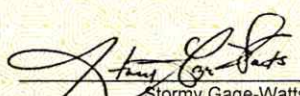

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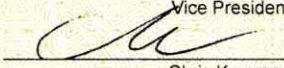

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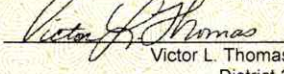

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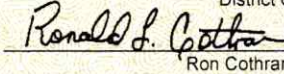

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