

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Caddo

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

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and is an essential component of overall health and well-being, and the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need for increased mental health awareness and support; and

**WHEREAS**, May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise public awareness and understanding of mental health and reduce stigma associated with mental illness and this year's national awareness campaign has chosen to highlight the mental health needs of various populations with the first week dedicated to older adults, the 2nd week to children & teens, the third week to Pregnant and Postpartum people, the fourth to racial and ethnic minority groups and the fifth to LGBTQIA+ communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, many individuals and families struggle with mental health challenges, including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction, and other conditions that require timely and effective treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health issues affect people of all ages, races, and backgrounds, and early identification and intervention can improve outcomes and prevent serious and costly consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness and understanding of mental health can help reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness, making it easier for individuals and families to seek help and support when needed; and

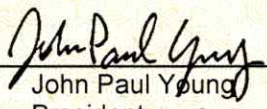
**WHEREAS**, community organizations, healthcare providers, and mental health professionals in Caddo Parish are working tirelessly to provide education, support, and treatment for individuals struggling with mental health issues, and deserve recognition and appreciation for their efforts.

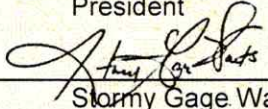
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, hereby recognizes May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month and urges all citizens to support efforts to promote mental health awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and discrimination, and improve access to quality mental health services in our community.

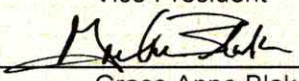
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, expresses its gratitude to the organizations, healthcare providers, and mental health professionals who work to provide education, support, and treatment for individuals and families affected by mental health issues in our community, and encourages continued collaboration and cooperation to address this urgent public health issue.

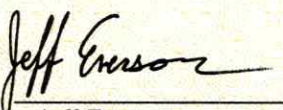
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