

State of Louisiana



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

PROCLAMATION National Workforce Development Month

WHEREAS, throughout the month of September, communities across the nation recognize **National Workforce Development Month**, celebrating the contributions of workforce professionals and highlighting initiatives that support job seekers and employers alike; and

WHEREAS, in Caddo Parish, workforce development is essential to fostering economic growth and improving the lives of residents by helping individuals access the skills and training needed to secure meaningful, sustainable employment; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, a leader in workforce development, provides a wide range of services to job seekers, including hands-on job training, résumé building, and support services, ensuring that individuals from all walks of life have the opportunity to achieve upward mobility in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill's unique model of funding local job training programs through the sale of donated items has enabled them to support the community for nearly 100 years, providing critical services to help individuals facing barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, in partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services, supported both custodial and non-custodial parents, as well as SNAP recipients, helping 38 individuals obtain certifications in fields such as truck driving (Commercial Driver's Licenses), manufacturing (forklift operation), and healthcare (phlebotomy and medical assistant programs); and

WHEREAS, during a time when thousands of Louisianans are seeking employment or better-paying jobs, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana has played a crucial role in helping 2,525 individuals in North Louisiana through job training, placement services, and other workforce initiatives in 2023 alone; and

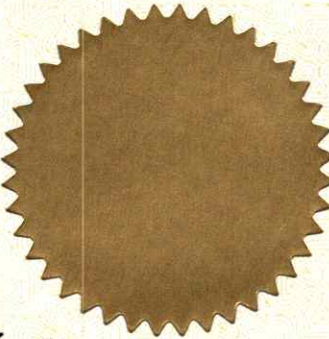
WHEREAS, despite unemployment being around 4% according to the U.S. Department of Labor, many Louisianans continue to face challenges with underemployment and low wages, making the efforts of workforce development organizations like Goodwill more important than ever; and

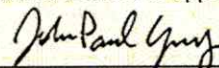
WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to recognize and commend the invaluable work of Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana and other workforce development organizations that are making a difference in the lives of so many, contributing to a stronger and more resilient local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due and legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as **Workforce Development Month** in Caddo Parish and expresses its deepest appreciation to organizations like Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana for their tireless efforts in helping individuals gain the skills, training, and support needed to thrive in today's workforce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and a copy of this resolution be sent to Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana as a token of appreciation for their outstanding contributions.

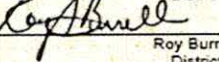
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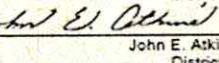

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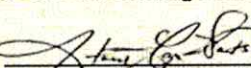

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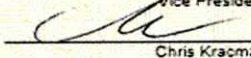

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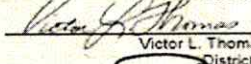

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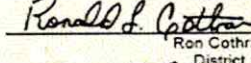

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