

State of Louisiana

Parish of Caddo

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND OBSERVING INDIGINEOUS PEOPLES DAY 2024

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day is a time to honor and recognize the unique contributions, history, and cultural heritage of Native American tribes and Indigenous peoples across the United States, including the First Peoples of the land that is now Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish, named after the Caddo Nation, has a deep-rooted history tied to the presence, resilience, and culture of the Caddo people and other Indigenous groups who lived on and cared for this land for generations before European settlers arrived; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Indigenous People's Day in Caddo Parish acknowledges the significant contributions of Native American tribes, promotes awareness of their history, and celebrates their influence on the rich cultural heritage of this region; and

WHEREAS, this day also serves as a reminder of the injustices historically endured by Indigenous peoples, highlighting the need for reconciliation, greater understanding, and respect for the sovereignty, rights, and cultural traditions of Native American communities; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is committed to fostering respect and appreciation for diversity, equity, and inclusion within our community, encouraging all residents to honor the contributions of Indigenous peoples and reflect on the importance of our shared history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim Monday, October 14, 2024, as Indigenous People's Day in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and calls upon all citizens to join in recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the Indigenous communities of our Parish and their invaluable contributions to our society.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk

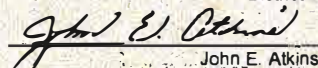



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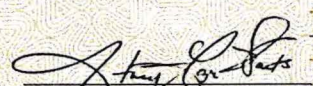

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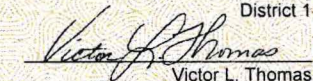

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