



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

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING 318 WEEKEND

WHEREAS, the 318 area code covers more square miles of Louisiana than any other area code, encompassing all of North and Central Louisiana, touching Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi, flowing with the Red River & Mississippi Rivers, featuring assets as diverse as Barksdale Air Force Base, Kisatchie National Forest, Poverty Point World Heritage Site, the Louisiana State Fairgrounds and over half a dozen major universities with beautiful and rich natural settings, and communities from the ArkLaTex to the Delta offer a variety of lifestyles from rural to urban with Caddo Parish being the largest population center in the 318 area code; and

WHEREAS, our 318 area deserves to be celebrated for its diverse communities, people, natural resources, beauty, and the resulting culture with its unique music, arts, fashion & food; and

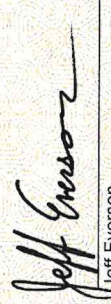
WHEREAS, on March 15th from 1pm to 7pm at the Caddo Common Park surrounding area the 3rd annual 318 Day Festival will feature a celebration of the finest the 318 has to offer including live music, artists, vendors, and a celebratory atmosphere that welcomes, this year the festival will also feature films made in the 318 being played at Robinson Film Center on March 15th and the celebration will continue to March 16th with the 318 Food Festival at the Municipal Auditorium from 11am to 7pm featuring Rich Auntie Dada and the Purple Reign fashion show featuring Latasha V. Henderson from 7 to 9 pm; and

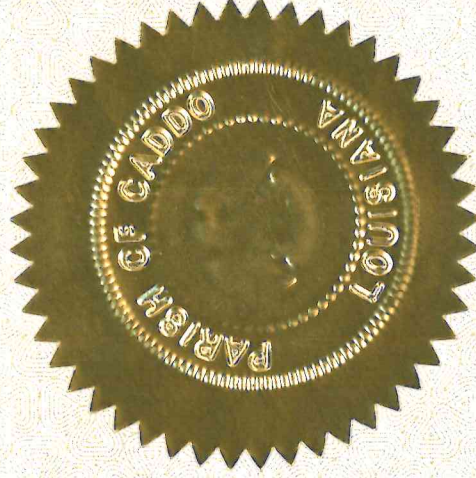
WHEREAS, event organizer Billy Anderson, a successful advocate for celebrating the culture and uniqueness of our 318 region has said, "Shreveport and our area have some of the most talented people in the world, and we must invest and celebrate that talent;" and

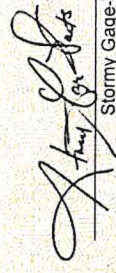
WHEREAS, Anderson's sentiments are echoed by Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau President Stacy Brown who has said, "The Shreveport-Bossier area has so many unique and diverse local attractions, and the 318 Day Festival brings us together to experience the music & art of our area," and her organization joins with Shreveport Common and the Shreveport Regional Arts Council as sponsors of 318 Day Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session that it does hereby proclaim March 15-16, 2025 as **318 DAY Celebration Weekend** commemorating **318 DAY** (March 18th) in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and encourage all of our citizens to mark the occasion by partaking in something unique and joyful and sharing the best of what 318 offers with the world.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk




Stormy Gage-Watts
President


Ken Epperson
Vice President


Victor L. Thomas
Parliamentarian