State of Louisiana

Parish of Caddo

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

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING 318 FOOD FESTIVAL

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 also features a unique culinary tradition that blends styles and cultures from around the world culminating in a flavorful blend of Creole and Southern Soul food, Cowboy and Cajun, Italian, Asian, Latin, Native American, French, Indian, African, and Modern American culinary practices that reflect the diverse, beautiful and blended nature of the 318; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th from 11am to 7pm, as part of the 3rd Annual 318 Celebration, the inaugural 318 Food Festival will be held at the Municipal Auditorium and will be hosted by culinary critic, travel writer, Louisiana Advocate & Caddo Parish social media personality Rich Auntie Da'da'; and

WHEREAS, event organizer Daytriona Coleman, a successful advocate for celebrating the culture and uniqueness of our 318 region has said, "The 318 Food Festival promises fun and excitement for the whole family, featuring a wide variety of food, outdoor activities for children, live local entertainment, retail merchandise, and culinary delights from local food truck vendors across the 318 area code;" and

WHEREAS, the 318 knows how to be a gracious and lively host, while also giving back and while 318 Food Fest invites all lovers of food, music, and Louisiana culture to come "pass a good time," it also collects resources to benefit back-to-school organizations in Caddo Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session that it does hereby proclaim March 16th, 2025 as **318 FOOD FEST DAY** in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and encourages all citizens to appreciate the culinary culture and hospital nature of our region

ATTEST:

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