

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRANT FEDERAL RECOGNITION TO THE ADAI CADDO INDIAN NATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, the Adai Caddo Indian Nation is an Indigenous tribe native to Northwest & Central Louisiana, with deep ancestral roots in the region that predates European colonization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adai Caddo people have maintained a continuous presence and cultural identity in this region for centuries, and their historical legacy has contributed significantly to the heritage, culture, and development of Northwest & Central Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe is headquartered in Robeline, Louisiana, and has been formally recognized by the State of Louisiana as a Native American Tribe since 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adai Caddo Indian Nation has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to preserving its cultural traditions, protecting sacred sites, promoting education, and fostering community development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation has consistently served as cooperative and integrated neighbors, working alongside local and regional governments to promote economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and quality of life for all residents in Northwest & Central Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, despite its documented history and ongoing contributions to society, the Adai Caddo Indian Nation has not yet been granted federal recognition, which limits access to critical federal resources, protections, and opportunities afforded to other Native American tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, federal recognition would not only affirm the sovereign rights and identity of the Adai Caddo Indian Nation but also provide a foundation for increased economic development, health care access, educational support, and preservation of cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission stands in solidarity with the Adai Caddo Indian Nation and supports their right to federal recognition as an act of justice, reconciliation, and respect for their enduring contributions to the region and nation.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has always been a documented nation and ally to the Louisiana colony and state providing food, shelter, medical aid, protection, and other necessary support since the 1700s; and

**WHEREAS**, historical records show the Tribe volunteered to fight alongside the American colonies as part of the Galvez Expedition in the American Revolutionary War successfully capturing British forts, including Baton Rouge, Natchez, Mobile, and Pensacola denying the British access to the Mississippi River; and

**WHEREAS**, countries such as Spain, France, and Britain have long recognized the nation of the Adai Caddo as evidenced in maps, trade agreements, military documents, & other official government records; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Louisiana historically and presently recognize and track the Adai Caddo people via the Adai Caddo State Designated Tribal Statistical Area (SDTSA);

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. National Park Service, National Park Foundation, and Cane River National Heritage Area recognize the Adai Caddo Indian Nation in its Cane River Creole National Historical Park and Heritage Area literature including the Tribe's current cultural center and activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that it does hereby urge and request the Federal Government of the United States to federally recognize the Adai Caddo Indian Nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to the members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be recorded in the official proceedings of the Caddo Parish Commission and communicated to appropriate authorities as a formal expression of support  
**Approved as to legal form:**

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Parish Attorney

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Date