

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 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 Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Nation is headquartered in Robeline, Louisiana, and has been formally recognized by the State of Louisiana 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 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.

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:

Parish Attorney

Date