Proclamation Public Works Week

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the vital role that public works play in the daily lives of the citizens of Caddo Parish, and the importance of the professionals who plan, build, operate, and maintain the infrastructure essential to our communities; and

WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is celebrated each year during the third full week of May and is sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA) to raise awareness of public works and the contributions of public works professionals throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 National Public Works Week theme, "Connecting the World Through Public Works," highlights how public works services connect us all physically, through infrastructure, and inspire collaboration, innovation, and service across communities; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works plays a crucial role in maintaining the Parish's roadways, bridges, drainage systems, solid waste facilities, and rural infrastructure while promoting public safety, environmental stewardship, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women of the Caddo Parish Public Works Department exemplify professionalism, expertise, and a commitment to excellence as they serve the citizens of Caddo Parish year-round—often working in challenging conditions to ensure that vital services continue uninterrupted.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the courage and resilience of those living with lupus and stands in solidarity with individuals, caregivers, and medical professionals who are affected by or working to treat and cure this disease.

WHEREAS, lupus affects approximately 1.5 million Americans and millions more worldwide, with women—especially women of color—being disproportionately affected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission that it does hereby recognize and proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2025, as:

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and encourages all citizens to recognize and thank public works professionals for their tireless efforts and the essential services they provide that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be transmitted to the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works in honor of their outstanding service and dedication.

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Epperson, Jr.