SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the United States since 1949 to increase understanding of mental health conditions, reduce stigma, and promote access to mental health services and support; and

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, affecting how individuals think, feel, act, and relate to others in every stage of life; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans face the daily reality of living with mental health conditions, and many more are affected as family members, friends, colleagues, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of supporting mental wellness in our community by advocating for resources, expanding access to care, and supporting public education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, local organizations, healthcare professionals, advocates, and volunteers in Caddo Parish are working tirelessly to provide life-saving mental health services, promote prevention, and foster a culture of openness and support for those living with mental health challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this ___ day of May, 2025, that it does hereby proclaim **May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Caddo Parish**, and encourages residents, community organizations, and institutions to join in raising awareness, fostering understanding, and supporting those affected by mental health conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission reaffirms its commitment to prioritizing mental health and emotional well-being as essential components of a thriving, compassionate, and resilient community.
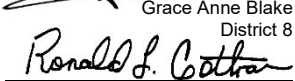
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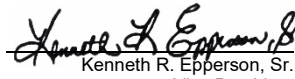
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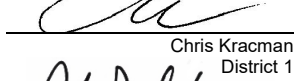
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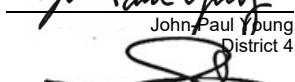
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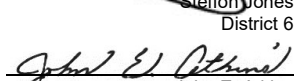
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