## SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNIZING MAY AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the United States Congress designated May as Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure that the nation was given the opportunity to publicly demonstrate appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, we honor the dedication, resilience, and heroism of our service members, including those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Military Appreciation Month encompasses several significant observances, including Loyalty Day (May 1), Victory in Europe (VE) Day (May 8), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (second Friday in May), Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May), and Memorial Day (last Monday in May); and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is home to many active-duty service members, veterans, and military families whose contributions have strengthened our community, safeguarded our freedoms, and embodied the highest ideals of patriotism and service; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to recognize and honor all who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces and express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country with courage and distinction.

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 recognize May 2025 as Military Appreciation Month in Caddo Parish, and encourages all citizens to join in honoring and thanking our military personnel, veterans, and their families for their service and sacrifice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to local military and veterans' organizations in honor of their continued commitment to our nation and community.

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