



# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Caddo

### In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA NWLA

**WHEREAS**, the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana (YWCA NWLA), a pillar of service, advocacy, and empowerment, was established in 1925 by Margaret Hutchinson to meet the pressing need for a safe and supportive community space for women and girls in the Shreveport area; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning with a modest office in downtown Shreveport, the YWCA NWLA grew steadily in mission and impact, eventually relocating to a larger, custom-built facility on Travis Street, where it served generations through shelter, resource assistance, skill-building, and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past century, the YWCA NWLA has been a vital force in championing the rights and well-being of women and girls throughout Northwest Louisiana, helping them lead empowered, productive, and dignified lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the YWCA NWLA continues to uphold its mission in the present day, offering innovative programming and services that promote equity, safety, and opportunity for women and girls across the Shreveport-Bossier region and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the YWCA NWLA will celebrate its 100th anniversary at Live! Casino & Hotel, hosting a commemorative event featuring a historical showcase highlighting the organization's century-long legacy of service and advocacy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby recognize and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, honoring a century of leadership, empowerment, and positive transformation in the lives of countless women and families throughout our region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its deepest appreciation to the leaders, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the YWCA NWLA—past and present—whose dedication has ensured the longevity and continued relevance of this essential institution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana in celebration of its 100 years of service to the community.

**ATTEST:**



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