

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SIGNING OF THE CADDO INDIAN TREATY**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of preserving and acknowledging the historical foundations of our region, particularly the profound contributions and sacrifices of the Indigenous peoples whose presence long predated modern settlement; and

WHEREAS, on **July 1, 1835**, representatives of the United States government and the **Caddo Nation** signed what became known as the **Caddo Indian Treaty**, through which the Caddo people ceded their ancestral homelands in northwest Louisiana—lands that now include Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the treaty marked a pivotal moment in the history of this region, laying the groundwork for future development while simultaneously representing a solemn and complex chapter in the displacement of Native American communities; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo people, known for their advanced agricultural practices, diplomatic culture, and deeply rooted ties to the land, had established thriving communities in the region long before European contact, and their influence continues to resonate in the place names, geography, and cultural memory of northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the **190th anniversary** of the signing of the Caddo Treaty provides a meaningful opportunity for reflection, education, and commemoration of the history, heritage, and enduring legacy of the Caddo Nation; and

WHEREAS, the **Shreveport Downtown Development Authority**, in partnership with local historians and community stakeholders, will host a public ceremony to observe this anniversary on **Monday, July 1, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce**, inviting the public to engage in an honest exploration of the region’s shared past; and

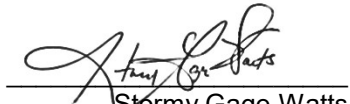
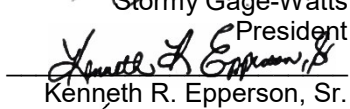
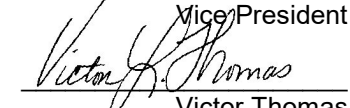
WHEREAS, this occasion allows us to honor the memory of those whose stories and contributions are too often overlooked, and to reaffirm our collective responsibility to pursue justice, understanding, and reconciliation in the telling of our community’s history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular, and legal session convened, that it does hereby commemorate the **190th anniversary of the signing of the Caddo Indian Treaty**, recognizes the lasting significance of this historical event, and honors the continuing legacy of the **Caddo Nation** and its people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the **Shreveport Downtown Development Authority** on the occasion of their commemorative ceremony as a gesture of the Commission’s support for efforts to educate and engage the public on the history of our parish.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk


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President

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