PROCLAMATION NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone is the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, and the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is more than 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care per year by caregivers, resulting in Alzheimer's and other dementias causing a negative economic impact, costing the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease & stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim June 2025 as:

'National Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and urges citizens and organizations to educate themselves about Alzheimer's, Dementia and other Brain diseases.

ATTEST:

Victor Thomas Parliamentarian

Steffon Jones

District 6

Ron Cothran District 10