

Konoring Chef Niema Digrazia

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission proudly recognizes individuals in our community who exemplify excellence, creativity, and perseverance in their craft and serve as a source of inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Chef Niematulai DiGrazia, a culinary artist, entrepreneur, fashion designer and beloved figure in northwest Louisiana, recently showcased her talent on the national stage by competing on the Food Network's acclaimed cooking competition show *Beat Bobby Flay*—and emerged victorious; and

WHEREAS, her win on *Beat Bobby Flay* is not only a personal triumph but also a shining moment of pride for the entire Caddo Parish community, where Chef Niema is widely known for her passion for food, her bold flavors, inimitable personality, charm and her unwavering commitment to authenticity; and

WHEREAS, Chef Niema has long been an advocate for cultural culinary heritage, bringing the traditions of her mother's kitchen in Sierra Leone into new contexts, combining krio with creole and infusing her dishes with contemporary flourishes, soulful tradition, and setting the table for storytelling and bringing people around the table and honoring the richness of togetherness and flavor; and

WHEREAS, through her business ventures, work in the fashion industry, community events, and media appearances, Chef Niema DiGrazia has served as a role model for women, young people, and all those pursuing their dreams with faith, grit, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, her victory on national television is a testament to the world-class talent nurtured right here in Caddo Parish and underscores the power of passion, preparation, and perseverance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its sincerest congratulations and heartfelt admiration to **Chef Niema DiGrazia** for her outstanding accomplishment and for bringing honor and distinction to herself, her craft, and the people of Caddo Parish and does hereby declare Saturday, June 7th, 2025 as

"Chef Niema DiGrazia Day"

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, urging all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the Chef Niema for her contributions to the cultural & culinary landscape of our region and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

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