Special Resolution Recognizing PTSD Month

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that can affect anyone who has experienced or witnessed a traumatic event, including survivors of abuse, accidents, natural disasters, serious illness, and combat; and

WHEREAS, PTSD Awareness Month is observed nationally each June to raise public awareness about PTSD, reduce stigma, and promote access to effective treatment and support for individuals living with trauma; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that approximately 12 million adults in the United States suffer from PTSD each year, including a significant number of veterans, first responders, and frontline workers who serve our nation and communities; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is home to many brave men and women—military personnel, veterans, law enforcement officers, emergency responders, healthcare professionals, and civilians—whose experiences place them at greater risk for PTSD and who deserve compassion, understanding, and comprehensive care; and

WHEREAS, early identification, public education, and accessible mental health services are essential to improving outcomes for those living with PTSD and their families; and

WHEREAS, by raising awareness, we affirm our commitment to supporting mental wellness, breaking the silence surrounding trauma, and honoring the resilience of those affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim the month of **June as PTSD Awareness Month** in Caddo Parish and encourages all citizens to increase their understanding of PTSD and support efforts to improve mental health and trauma-informed care in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its gratitude to the healthcare professionals, counselors, service organizations, and advocates who work tirelessly to support individuals affected by PTSD and promote healing and hope throughout our parish.

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