

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR  
BASIC NECESSITIES ON THEIR 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Basic Necessities, a certified National Diaper Bank organization founded in 2020, has been a cornerstone of support for low-income families across Northwest Louisiana by addressing the critical issue of hygiene insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has distributed more than one million essential hygiene supplies—including diapers, period products, incontinence items, and personal care necessities—to over 7,500 families and individuals across the ArkLaTex region, with 82% of those served residing in Caddo Parish, including 3,500 Caddo Parish households; and

**WHEREAS**, Basic Necessities partners with 9 local organizations, including The Hub, the Caddo Parish Health Unit, and the Housing Authority of City of Shreveport, and operates in 19 service areas, including a new satellite location in East Carroll Parish, to ensure equitable access to dignity-enhancing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization plays a pivotal role in maternal and child health, providing postpartum care items and infant supplies to alleviate maternal stress, reduce preventable health risks, and support healthy early childhood development; and

**WHEREAS**, Basic Necessities engages in impactful advocacy efforts, including public education campaigns and policy initiatives aimed at limiting the cost of hygiene products, expanding critical assistance programs, and promoting hygiene equity as a fundamental human right; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has not only transformed access to basic needs for the underserved but also fostered confidence, inclusion, and long-term systemic change within the community; and


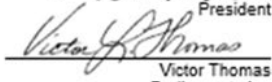

**WHEREAS**, in celebrating its fifth anniversary in 2025, Basic Necessities stands as a model of compassionate leadership, responsive service, and a catalyst for lasting social progress in Caddo Parish and beyond;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Caddo Parish Commission that it does hereby recognize and commend **Basic Necessities** for its outstanding contributions to the health, dignity, and well-being of the residents of Caddo Parish.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Basic Necessities as a token of the Commission’s gratitude and continued support.

**ATTEST:**

  
Jeff Everson  
Commission Clerk

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