

**PROCLAMATION
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia, or sickle cell disease, is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100,000 Americans have sickle cell disease with estimates of 300-500 Caddo Parish residents being among them, and about 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to the provision of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of September, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2025 as:

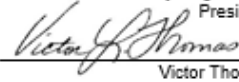
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in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

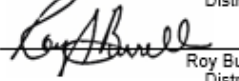
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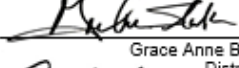

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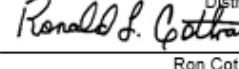

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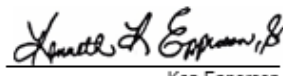

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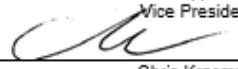

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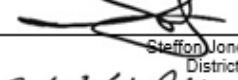

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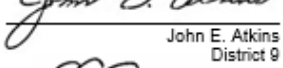

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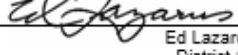

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