

State of Louisiana

Parish of Caddo

In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week is a weeklong culinary celebration organized by the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, typically held in October, to spotlight and support Black-owned restaurants, chefs, caterers, food trucks, and culinary entrepreneurs in the Shreveport-Bossier region; and

WHEREAS, during Black Restaurant Week, participating restaurants offer special \$10 lunch and \$20 dinner menus (among other specials) so that the public may experience the richness, diversity, and excellence of Black cuisine in the community; and

WHEREAS, this event also includes festivals, food truck events, and other culinary showcases that promote emerging chefs and celebrate established restaurateurs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the event fosters greater awareness, patronage, and economic support for Black-owned food businesses, thereby helping to strengthen local economies, create jobs, and broaden opportunities for minority entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges that restaurant and hospitality industries are vital to the cultural fabric, economic vitality, and tourism appeal of our region, and that minority-owned establishments play a critical role in preserving cultural heritage and promoting diversity in culinary expression; and

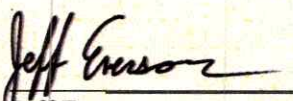
WHEREAS, by officially recognizing Black Restaurant Week, the Caddo Parish Commission reaffirms its support for equitable economic development, cultural inclusion, and community unity through food and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for this body to formally encourage all residents, businesses, and visitors of Caddo Parish to participate in, support, and celebrate Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week by dining at participating Black-owned establishments and promoting this initiative through social media, local networks, and community engagement.

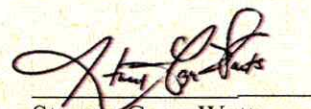
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby **Recognizes Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week** as an important event celebrating the culinary talents, heritage, and entrepreneurship of Black restaurateurs, chefs, food trucks, and related businesses in the Caddo Parish / Shreveport-Bossier region; **Encourages** all residents, local businesses, civic groups, and visitors to support and participate in the week's events by dining at Black-owned restaurants, attending related food and cultural events, and promoting awareness through their networks and social media, including the hashtag **#EatBlack318**; **Requests** that local media, tourism agencies, chambers of commerce, and community organizations help publicize and elevate this week's offerings and stories of participating businesses; and **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce as an expression of the Commission's support and recognition.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that this body extends its best wishes for a successful, vibrant, and impactful Black Restaurant Week.

ATTEST:


Jeff Everson
Commission Clerk




Stormy Gage-Watts
President


Victor Thomas
Parliamentarian