



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission joins the Citizens of Caddo Parish in great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens and the Caddo Parish Commission seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm’s way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish, is designated an Operation Green Light participant with the National Association of Counties and in keeping with our longstanding tradition of encouraging local governments, businesses and public entities to post ‘Thank You’ and ‘Welcome Veterans’ signs during the week of November 3rd through November 11th, we are also asking that a green light be displayed on all municipal and public facilities, as well as residential and commercial windows that are visible to the public in recognition of the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served and who are still active in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, public and private school systems, primary, secondary and higher education institutions are asked to schedule educational programs, whereby veterans and military personnel may serve as guest speakers. Special recognition to our veterans at all religious institutions during religious services is also encouraged; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Caddo Parish and the Northwest Louisiana region are asked to honor our veterans, for protecting our American freedoms. Among the ways that local Veterans will be honored include the public facilities such as the Bakowski Bridge of Lights and the Caddo Parish Courthouse being illuminated in green, an Honor Ceremony to be held at the historic Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, November 15th and a Veterans Appreciation Day and Parade at the State Fair of Louisiana on Sunday, November 16th where admission and parking will be free for all Veterans, active military and their families and the Veteran’s Parade begins at 2pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and session convened during the month of October does hereby proclaim November 3rd through November 11th, 2025 as

‘Veterans Celebration Week’

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens in the region to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of ‘Veterans Celebration Week’ honoring our veterans and their families.

ATTEST:

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