

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

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND COMMENDING ITS SERVICE TO THE NATION AND THE CITIZENS OF CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Navy, marking the beginning of what would become the United States Navy, one of the most powerful and respected naval forces in the world; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, the United States Navy has safeguarded the freedom of navigation, defended our nation's interests across the globe, and provided critical humanitarian aid in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's proud legacy is defined by courage, honor, and commitment—principles embodied by the millions of men and women who have served under its banner since the days of the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, from early wooden sailing ships to today's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines, the Navy has evolved into a global force for peace, deterrence, and security, ensuring the protection of the world's oceans and fostering international stability; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has also been a beacon of innovation, leadership, and opportunity, contributing to advancements in technology, logistics, and strategy that have strengthened both national defense and the American economy; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the bravery, sacrifice, and dedication of all who have served or currently serve in the United States Navy—including the many veterans and active-duty personnel from Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana—whose service reflects the highest ideals of patriotism and honor; and

WHEREAS, as the nation marks this milestone 250th anniversary in 2025, it is fitting that the Caddo Parish Commission join the citizens of the United States in expressing gratitude and admiration for the Navy's vital role in preserving freedom and advancing peace across the seas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy, honors the generations of sailors who have served with distinction, and extends heartfelt appreciation to all who continue to defend our nation with valor and dedication.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an official copy of this resolution be made available to the United States Navy and appropriate local veterans' organizations in recognition of this historic occasion.

