

*Special Resolution Of Recognition
Commemorating The 30th Anniversary Of Chimp Haven*

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize organizations that exemplify compassion, stewardship, and service to the natural world and to the advancement of scientific and humane values; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven, located in Keithville, Louisiana, was founded in 1995 as a nonprofit sanctuary dedicated to providing lifelong care to chimpanzees retired from research, the entertainment industry, and the pet trade; and

WHEREAS, for three decades, Chimp Haven has served as the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary, operating under the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection (CHIMP) Act, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Chimp Haven has provided a safe, enriching, and natural environment to more than 350 chimpanzees, allowing these intelligent and social animals to live out their lives in peace, dignity, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven’s mission--“to provide and promote the best care of sanctuary chimpanzees and inspire action for the species worldwide”—has earned it national and international recognition for excellence in animal welfare, conservation, and education; and

WHEREAS, the organization’s success has been made possible by the dedicated leadership of its staff, volunteers, board members, and supporters, whose compassion and commitment continue to ensure the highest standards of care and advocacy; and

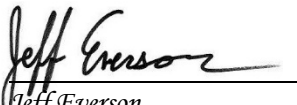
WHEREAS, Chimp Haven has also become a vital part of the Caddo Parish community, contributing to education, tourism, and public awareness through its outreach programs, events, and collaborations with schools and universities; and

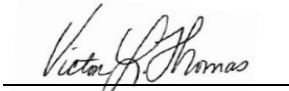
WHEREAS, the 30th Anniversary of Chimp Haven marks not only a milestone in the sanctuary’s remarkable journey but also an enduring testament to the values of empathy, science, and stewardship that define the best of humanity’s relationship with the natural world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Chimp Haven, honoring its compassionate mission, dedicated service, and global impact as the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its deepest appreciation to the leadership, staff, volunteers, and supporters of Chimp Haven, and expresses its continued support for their noble work in caring for and advocating on behalf of our closest living relatives in the animal kingdom.

ATTEST:


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