

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THAT THE RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES (LDENR) PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF WATER FROM CADDO LAKE FOR ANY USE OTHER THAN SMALL COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is concerned with the the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and good order of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, preserving an adequate and safe water supply for Caddo Parish is of paramount importance to the welfare, safety, health and peace of parish citizens; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Lake, the largest freshwater lake in the South, is a major source of Caddo Parish’s water supply as well as one of the nation’s largest natural ecosystems; as such, its preservation is essential to maintaining an adequate and safe water supply, as well as essential to providing opportunities for recreation and scientific study; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of industry locating near Caddo Lake raises the issue of whether water to support industry would require the withdrawal of water from the lake in a capacity that would damage Caddo Parish’s water supply as well as the lake’s ecosystem.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests that the Red River Compact Commission and LDENR as the Louisiana permitting agency place a moratorium on withdrawals from Caddo Lake for any use other than small commercial or residential use, for 365 days or until a study of the effect of exceeding currently permitted levels can be obtained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Red River Compact Commission, Louisiana’s representatives thereon, LDENR, and to the Governor of the state.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date