

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Louisiana Domestic Violence Fatality Review, which reflects data collected from 2020-2022, Louisiana had the fifth highest rate of women murdered by men in the United States, with many victims (approximately 56%) knowing their assailants, often being wives, ex-wives or girlfriends; and

WHEREAS, according to the DVFR, more than half of Louisiana residents experience physical violence in their lifetime, and an estimated 200,000 adults faced partner violence in 2023, with women being three times more likely to experience severe forms of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has passed "Savanna's Law," establishing the nation's first domestic violence registry for persistent domestic violence offenders, to provide citizens with notice of repeat offenders' criminal history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, with such a high rate of domestic violence incidences, could benefit from such a registry; and

WHEREAS, the late Petrina Gay-Jenkins was a respected advocate for victims of domestic violence and served victims through her professional capacity with roles in organizations like Project Celebration, Inc. (PCI), the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Domestic Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Patrina Gay-Jenkins' service to domestic violence extended beyond her professional role to include personal assistance and even leaving behind a legacy when Patrina's Purple Passion, Inc. was founded to continue her legacy of raising awareness and providing support to those who can help to reduce domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, It would be appropriate for Louisiana's Domestic Violence Registry to be named in honor of Ms. Gay-Jenkins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to establish a statewide domestic violence registry, and that it include an honorary reference to Patrina Gay-Jenkins in its name where possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Parish's state legislative delegation, the President of the Louisiana Senate, Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and to the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date