

Special Proclamation

Recognizing the Foster Grandparent's Volunteer Program

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend AmeriCorps Seniors Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its (46) forty-six years of exceptional service in Caddo and Bossier;

WHEREAS, service in AmeriCorps promotes bridge-building, collaboration, and leadership skills, and AmeriCorps programs bring the people of the United States together from different backgrounds, generations, and geographic locations;

WHEREAS, for more than 5 decades, millions of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the Foster Grandparent program have played an important role in strengthening communities by sharing their experience, knowledge, and accomplishments with the individuals they serve;

WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers seniors, who are (55) fifty-five years of age or older, the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth one-on-one, helps to improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, helping children who suffer from abuse or neglect, and provide support to children of veterans or who have a deployed family members; and serving over 280,000 special needs children through a network of various organizations; and helping to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of Caddo/Bossier FGP's volunteers to devote their time, experience, and compassion with the needs of children to learn and prepare for the life ahead of them; and

WHEREAS, this program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children, enriching your life while enriching the lives of others. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who serve with in the Foster Grandparent program provide the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on a path to a successful future. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of April, 2026, that it does hereby proclaim May 1, 2026 as:


“AMERICORPS SENIORS FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER DAY”

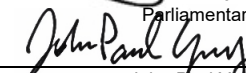
in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish to celebrate, commend and congratulate the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its (46) forty-six years of exceptional service to children and hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the future.

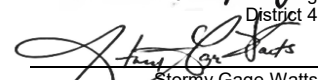
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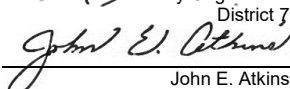

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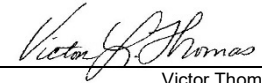

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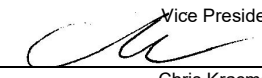

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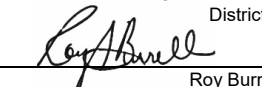

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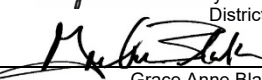

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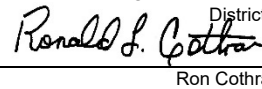

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