

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

RESOLUTION TO URGE A RETURN TO THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the dates of certain patriotic holidays have been changed from their original dates to create "three-day weekends"; and

WHEREAS, the time-honored traditional observances of these holidays, Memorial Day in particular, has been eroded; and

WHEREAS, the United States' hope for the future has been made possible because many of our servicemen and women have made the ultimate sacrifice in order to secure freedom for America; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Americans view Memorial Day as a time for relaxation and leisure recreation rather than as a solemn occasion and a time to reflect and pay tribute to the American servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, this view is evidenced by the prevalence of retail promotions, social media posts displaying "Happy Memorial Day," and inappropriate displays on the graves of service members; and

WHEREAS, a massive educational effort needs to be made to inform U.S. Citizens of the true meaning of Memorial Day and the proper ways to observe it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby calls upon our federal, state and local government agencies to make efforts to educate the United States' citizenry on the true meaning of Memorial Day and educate on appropriate ways to observe this solemn occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission expresses disapproval of all activities and displays that detract from the solemnness of Memorial Day, especially in Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date