

**CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

**HONORING MARTHA MARAK UPON HER RETIREMENT
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing individuals whose leadership, compassion, and commitment to service have strengthened our community and improved the lives of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Martha Marak has rendered distinguished service as Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, faithfully advancing its mission to provide nutritious food, compassionate assistance, and renewed hope to individuals and families experiencing hunger and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, under her dedicated leadership, the Food Bank has served as an essential lifeline for children, senior citizens, veterans, working families, and other vulnerable residents throughout Caddo Parish and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Martha Marak has worked tirelessly to cultivate partnerships with charitable organizations, churches, businesses, governmental agencies, community leaders, volunteers, and generous donors, recognizing that the challenge of hunger is best addressed through cooperation and a shared commitment to the well-being of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, her steady and compassionate leadership has helped ensure that the Food Bank remained prepared to respond during times of personal hardship, economic uncertainty, natural disasters, public emergencies, and other circumstances that placed families in urgent need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Martha Marak has approached her work with professionalism, resourcefulness, and a profound respect for the dignity of every person served, reminding our community that access to wholesome food is fundamental to health, stability, opportunity, and hope; and

WHEREAS, the lasting impact of her service can be measured not only in meals distributed and families assisted, but also in the stronger network of care, generosity, and cooperation she has helped build throughout Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Martha Marak leaves a remarkable legacy of servant leadership and an organization strengthened by her vision, perseverance, and unwavering belief that no member of our community should have to face hunger alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and commend **Martha Marak** for her exceptional leadership and dedicated service as Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana; expresses its sincere gratitude for the immeasurable impact she has made upon the people of Caddo Parish and the entire region;

and extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes for a joyful, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Special Resolution be presented to Martha Marak as a lasting expression of the appreciation and esteem of the Caddo Parish Commission and the citizens of Caddo Parish.

ATTEST: