

**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS TO INCLUDE, IN ALL ORDERS RELATED TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, AN ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC BODIES TO MEET IN A COMBINATION OF VITRUAL AND PHYSICAL MEETINGS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local health emergencies have been declared due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens are contracting COVID19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards has issued an executive order allowing public bodies to meet virtually if they cannot obtain a physical quorum; and

WHEREAS, the order does not allow for the attendance of some members virtually and some members physically; and

WHEREAS, allowing the virtual and physical attendance at meetings of public bodies would allow those members who are at higher risk of contracting COVID19 to continue to quarantine while doing the the work of the public body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests Governor John Bel Edwards to amend his current executive order to include and include in any future orders, an allowance for members of public bodies to attend, participate in, and vote at public meetings both virtually and physically until the pandemic is over.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to Governor John Bel Edward and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Approved as to legal form:**

**Parish Attorney**

**Date**