

## RESOLUTION NO. XX OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

### A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR COVID-19 FRONT LINE WORKERS IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Caddo Parish citizens is of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a generational event that has impacted every aspect of our country, significantly threatening the health and safety of the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the fight against COVID-19 is America's latest war, and our health care workers, food service workers, childcare workers, law enforcement/first responders, and more are on the front lines;

WHEREAS, we have called on our frontline workers to serve their country during this pandemic; and frontline workers have answered this call and carried out their critical missions to protect the health and safety of our communities and to minimize the disruption that COVID-19 has caused to our daily lives;

WHEREAS, doctors, nurses, public health officials, home care and domestic workers, and other medical professionals have put themselves in harm's way to care for their patients, COVID-19 or otherwise;

WHEREAS, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, emergency dispatchers, corrections officers, and law enforcement officers have continued to meet their existing responsibilities to maintain safety and public health while overcoming staggering new COVID-19 challenges;

WHEREAS, fast food & restaurant workers, food processing workers, farmers, farm workers, and grocery store employees have ensured there is food available to put on the table to feed our families during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, communication, electrical and other infrastructure workers have maintained networks that are stressed beyond their limits so that we are able to access technology and information to stay as connected as possible amidst physical distance;

WHEREAS, United States Postal Service employees, private carriers, and other delivery and distribution workers have maintained our Nation's delivery and communications network, connecting millions of homes, supporting economic activity, and delivering critical goods, including medical supplies, personal protective equipment, food, prescription medications, and more;

WHEREAS, sanitation, custodial, janitorial, and cleaning service, workers have played a critical role in minimizing the spread of COVID-19, particularly in high-risk places that must remain open, including hospitals, airports, and grocery stores;

WHEREAS, local, State, and Federal employees have upheld key government functions and services, which have become, more important and more overwhelmed during COVID-19;

WHEREAS, childcare workers have continued to care for the children of essential personnel, allowing these personnel to meet their obligations and continue their critical work during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, transportation workers, pilots, operators, flight attendants, railroad workers, and transit workers have ensured that we are able to travel safely during this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, these workers, and other frontline workers, have continued to perform critical and essential missions during the COVID-19 pandemic:

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appreciates the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by front line workers and their family members on a daily basis in order to maintain the health and functionality of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021 that it does hereby recognize and applaud the contributions of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and appreciates that frontline workers have answered the call to serve their country during these unprecedented times; and commends the frontline workers who have risked their own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of their loved ones, to continue their work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and understands that frontline workers have continued their work at times without complete protections they need to minimize their own risk of exposure to COVID-19; and recognizes that some frontline workers have been lost to COVID-19 as a result of their service, and offers their loved ones our sincerest condolences; and hails these acts of

heroism that have allowed essential services to continue operating, minimized the inevitable disruption to Caddo residents' daily lives, and played a critical role in protecting the health and safety of our communities; and recognizes the immense debt of gratitude that we owe frontline workers for their heroic and selfless service during the COVID-19 pandemic, and thanks them, and urges all Caddo Parish citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of front line workers.

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

**Approved as to legal form:**

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**Parish Attorney**

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**Date**