

**RESOLUTION NO. XX OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY AS 'HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH' IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, January is designated as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking. These victims face cruelty that has no place in a civilized world: children are made to be soldiers, teenage girls are beaten and forced into prostitution, and others exploited and compelled to work for little or no pay. It is a crime that takes many forms, and one that tears at the social fabric, debases our common humanity, and violates what we stand for as a country and a people; and

WHEREAS, founded on the principles of justice and fairness, the United States continues to be a leader in the global movement to end human trafficking and are working to combat human trafficking, prosecute the perpetrators, and help victims recover and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, during Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, we stand together with the survivors, advocates, and organizations dedicated to building a parish, state and country where our people and children are not for sale.

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 proclaim January 2021 as:

**'HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

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**