

RESOLUTION 58 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE AD HOC AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TASK FORCE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans. and

WHEREAS, the disease has impacted every part of life; as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced and millions of Americans lost their jobs creating devastating economic impact upon local communities, businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, State, local and Tribal governments have launched major efforts to address the economic impacts of the pandemic at significant cost to these governments; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President.¹⁶ Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act¹⁷ (the Act) to add section 602, which establishes the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and section 603, which establishes the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (together, the Fiscal Recovery Funds).¹⁸ The Fiscal Recovery Funds are intended to provide support to State, local, and Tribal governments (together, recipients) in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 on their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is slated to receive approximately \$46,000,000.00 (forty-six million dollars) in federal funds from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission will need to appropriate these funds.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Committee has been working to gather data and make recommendations to the Caddo Parish Commission regarding the appropriation of funds received from the ARPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the American Rescue Plan Committee and its work, to date, are hereby affirmed and ratified as an ad hoc Caddo Parish Commission committee, to make recommendations regarding the appropriation of ARPA funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date