



Parish of Caddo

In the Name and By the Authority of The
Caddo Parish Commission

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION

Mrs. Barbara Norton

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who by their ongoing demonstrations of selfless service to their fellow man set superlative examples of good citizenship and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is **Mrs. Barbara Norton**, a local activist, volunteer, and former State Representative who for over thirty-five years has been active in the community, City, Parish, and State; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norton has worked many years to help the children in Caddo Parish. She founded the Mooretown Community Library in 1990 and is also founder of the annual African-American History Parade in Shreveport in 1988, which is the largest African-American History Parade throughout the country during the month of February. The parade has been in existence for over thirty-three years, and has grown to over 150,000 people in attendance each year, with thirteen different states participating in the parade, and a committee of over seventy-five members. KTBS Television 3-CW21 televises the parade for four hours each year during the celebration that can be viewed around the country. The Governor, United States Senator's Office, City of Shreveport Mayors, and the Caddo Parish Commission, all have recognized this most important event with special resolutions and proclamations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norton also founded the annual "Back to School Free Shoe Giveaway". Since its inception in 2003, the event has given away over 24,000 pairs of shoes to underprivileged children; and

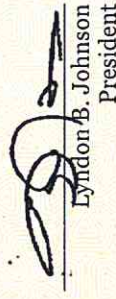
WHEREAS, the African-American Celebration, in which Mrs. Norton chairs and founded, has honored over 1,500 students for their hard work in obtaining the Honor Roll status with certificates of achievements. The African-American Celebration and Mrs. Norton also created an event that educated the youth on crime prevention and how to stay safe. This successful event began this June of 2021, but the organization in collaboration with Mrs. Norton has made a commitment to keep the youth safe by continuing this event for many years to come. The African-American Celebration Committee and Mrs. Norton has also sponsored over 500 free haircuts to children and veterans in need; and

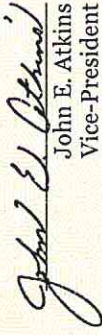
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session convened this 19th day of August, 2021, does hereby extend its warmest expressions of appreciation to **Mrs. Barbara Norton**, not only for her contributions to this community, City, Parish, and State, but also in recognition of the favorable and honorable reflections her achievements have cast upon Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does wish **Mrs. Barbara Norton** much continued success on her future endeavors.


ATTEST:




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