

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPROVE THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE'S RELIABILITY AND TIMELINESS OF ITS DELIVERIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, even in the digital age, the United States Postal Service (USPS) remains essential for Caddo Parish citizens and Caddo Parish's economy; and

WHEREAS, the USPS is mandated to be self-sufficient while also prefunding its future retirees' health benefits far into the future, and

WHEREAS, to improve USPS revenues, U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and the Postal Board of Governors adopted a 10-year USPS transformation plan entitled "Delivering for America," which focuses more on profitability and less on timely service, and

WHEREAS, the 10-year plan includes an intentional slowing, from three to six days, of the USPS delivery standard for first class mail, and

WHEREAS, this standard is resulting in deteriorating postal service nationwide, as seen in the fact that approximately 92 percent of first-class mail was delivered on time in the first quarter of 2020 while, during the same period in 2021, that figure fell to 78 percent, and

WHEREAS, the tardy arrival of critical medications sent via USPS could be life threatening, and

WHEREAS, the USPS's "Delivering for America" plan is causing significant harm to the health and economic livelihoods of individuals and corporations in Caddo Parish and nationally and should be immediately reassessed, and

WHEREAS, the recently passed U.S. Postal reform act, which while it will address loss of postal revenues, the Act does not address the intentional slow-down of mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to take all steps necessary to address and solve delivery issues with the United States Postal Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Postal Board of Governors, the Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform's Subcommittee on Government Operations, the U.S. House Majority and Minority Leaders, and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

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:

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Parish Attorney

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