

RESOLUTION NO. 36 of 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR BLOODY CADDO AND SYSTEMIC RACISM PERPETRATED ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS OF CADDO PARISH, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the African-American community in Caddo Parish has endured decades of systemic racism;

WHEREAS, that systemic racism included over 500 lynchings;

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish became known as “Bloody Caddo” for the racist violence in Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish continues to suffer with a human development index score of 3.56 on a 0-10 scale;

WHEREAS, systemic white privilege has continued;

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish needs to heal from the trauma inflicted upon it; and

WHEREAS, the healing process can begin with an acknowledgement of and apology for the violence perpetrated on African-Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby offer a public apology for the violence perpetrated on African-Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this public apology be publicized and distributed in and out of Caddo Parish as a step in the healing of the trauma inflicted on African-Americans in Caddo Parish.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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