

**ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FORM**

**CADDO PARISH COMMISSION**

**TITLE**

ORDINANCE AMENDING 2020 BUDGET FOR APPROPRIATION TO LEGAL AID OF NORTH LOUISIANA, INC.

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Commissioner Jackson via Finance and Legal

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Funds will:**

- Provide funding to Parish entities (Clerk of Court, District Attorney, Sheriff) to offset cost to grant waiver and not individuals
- Limited to one expungement per person
- Individuals must be a current Caddo Parish resident and provide at least to forms of verification
- Individuals must participate in 15 hours of community service from an approved community-based agency
- Individuals must meet low income requirement set by Legal Aid of Louisiana

**Funding is needed because:**

- Pauper expungement filing is an option but is left to the discretion of the judge. Very few pauper requests have been granted in Caddo Parish.
- Pauper does not relieve individual of paying fees. It only defers upfront payment of expungement fees.
- Having an arrest record prevents individuals from obtaining meaningful employment, financial aid, and other benefits.

**KEY STAFF CONTACT:** Commissioner Jackson via Finance and Legal

**AUTHORIZATION**

Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Legal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_