

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING JANUARY AS NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states and the federal government, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, 6-7.5 million people were stalked in a one year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, many stalkers use technology-such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware-to monitor and track their victims; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking; and

WHEREAS, criminal justice systems can enhance their responses to stalking by regular training and assertive investigation and prosecution of the crime; and

WHEREAS, all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about the laws and public policies concerning stalking along with the tactics used by stalkers and their effects on the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the month of January 2019 as:

**“NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH”**

In Caddo Parish and urges citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about National Stalking Awareness.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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