

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CADDO PARISH'S YOUNG PEOPLE TO FOLLOW A LIFE SCRIPT THAT MINIMIZES THEIR CHANCES OF LIVING IN POVERTY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the 2018 ALICE Study conducted by the United Way indicates that Poverty levels continue to increase in Caddo Parish.

WHEREAS, this increase in poverty comes with an ever-growing need for social services that continues to strain the budgets of both our local Government and Non-Profit entities in unsustainable ways.

WHEREAS, much of the poverty currently existing in Caddo Parish can be attributed to the fact that too many of our young people are having children before they are financially prepared to raise these children, and thus placing both the young parent and the newborn child in economically challenging situations.

WHEREAS, poverty is ecumenical, non-racist and shows no gender bias, but rather, will find a home wherever the economic environment presents itself.

WHEREAS, a study by the Brookings Institute indicates that there is a 98% chance that one will not live in poverty if he or she:

- Completes a high school education
- Takes and retains a full-time job
- Finds a spouse
- Delays having children until at least age 21

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages all of our young people to be patient and follow this life script that will maximize their chances of leading a life of financial independence.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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

Parish Attorney

Date