

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING MARCH 10, 2019 AS NATIONAL WOMEN & GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IN CADDO PARISH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is an annual, nationwide observance that sheds light on the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls; and

WHEREAS, every year on March 10 and throughout the month of March, federal national, and community organizations come together to show support for women and girls impacted by HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS are still widespread public health issues, and women remain vulnerable to infection—especially African-American and Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, any woman who is sexually active can get HIV, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, or sexual orientation. Today, 1.1. million people in the U.S. are living with HIV, and approximately 23% are women; and

WHEREAS, steps such as, practicing safe sex, can protect against contracting HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, everyone plays a role in HIV prevention—community organizations, health care professionals, and women and men; and

WHEREAS, the National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office on Women's Health (OWH) wants everyone to make the best choices when it comes to protecting their health and to learn more about the importance of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, which it does hereby proclaim March 10, 2019, as:

NATIONAL WOMEN & GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to legal form:

Office of the Parish Attorney

Date