

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 2021 AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**COUNCILMEMBER: TABATHA TAYLOR**

**WHEREAS**, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, NFCM offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the national observance is spearheaded by Caregiver Action Network (CAN), a nonprofit that provides free education, peer support, and resources to family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, CAN announced the 2021 theme, **#CaregiverAnd** which encourages family caregivers to celebrate the passions and interests that enrich their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, families are the primary source of support for older adults and people with disabilities in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, many caregivers work and provide care, experiencing conflicts between competing responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates caregiving also takes a significant emotional, physical, and financial toll, with nearly half of all caregivers over age 50, many are vulnerable to a decline in their own health; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that coordinated support services can reduce caregiver depression, anxiety, and stress, and enable them to provide care longer, which avoids or delays the need for costly institutional care; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country and in the City of Shreveport.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council hereby recognizes November 2021 as National Family Caregivers Month in the City of Shreveport.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office