

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE AMERICORPS SENIORS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT CADDO/BOSSIER/DESOTO FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, TO RECOGNIZE MAY 5, 2022, AS AMERICORPS SENIORS FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER DAY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBERS: TABATHA TAYLOR, JERRY BOWMAN, JR.,  
AND JAMES GREEN**

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to commend AmeriCorps Seniors Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its forty-two years of exceptional service in Caddo and Bossier; and now including Desoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program (FGP) is under a new sponsorship, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA); it is federally funded program by the Corporation for National and Community Service, now known as the AmeriCorps Seniors (new brand), a federal agency, that brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors FGP volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this nationwide program offers seniors, who are fifty-five years of age or older, the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers to economically disadvantaged youth one-on-one, helps to improve behavioral and educational outcomes for students with special and exceptional needs, helping children who suffer from abuse or neglect, and provides support to children of veterans or who have a deployed family member; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGP serves over 280,000 special needs children through a network of various organizations and helps to guide students to higher academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program matches the willingness and capacity of Caddo/Bossier/Desoto FGP's volunteers to devote their time, experience, and compassion with the needs of children to learn and prepare for the life ahead of them; and

**WHEREAS**, this program continues to fulfill its mission of providing guidance and support to disadvantaged children, enriching their life while enriching the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who serve with in the FGP provide the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on a path to a successful future, in addition, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served their community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened that the City Council does hereby commend the AmeriCorps Seniors SUSLA Caddo/Bossier Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its forty-two years of exceptional service to children; does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the future; and does hereby recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as “AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day.”

**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 application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared servable; and

**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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City Attorney's Office