

**OFFERED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) is administered by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism in conjunction with the Atchafalaya Trace Commission made up of representatives of all fourteen parishes, including Terrebonne Parish, which comprise the Heritage Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area was authorized by Public Law No. 109-338 (Section B) on October 12, 2006 by the U. S. Congress; and,

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this legislation, Congress designated the Atchafalaya as a region with significant natural, scenic, cultural, historical, and recreational resources that offers a unique blend of European, African, Caribbean, and Native American cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the ANHA program, funded by the National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the State of Louisiana and the Atchafalaya Trace Commission, works to build understanding and identity, raising local, regional, and national awareness of the Atchafalaya region, which has been called "*America's Foreign Country*" and,

**WHEREAS**, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Areas is up for federal program re-authorization in 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Terrebonne Parish Council on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the U. S. Congress is strongly urged to adopt the legislation that would re-authorize the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, thereby recognizing the importance and significance of this Heritage Area to the State of Louisiana as well as the United States of America.

### **THERE WAS RECORDED:**

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING: