

RESOLUTION NO. ____

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that;

WHEREAS, the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve was established to preserve and interpret the rich cultural history and natural resources of southern Louisiana and encompasses multiple sites across six units, including the Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center Preserve, located in Thibodaux, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Congress has redesignated several units of the National Park System by changing their formal titles from “historical park” or “national monument” to “National Park,” and that these changes reflect the significance of the resource and have been used to promote visitation, tourism, and local economic development, without altering the underlying management authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve protects nationally significant coastal wetlands, swamps, and deltaic ecosystems while preserving important American history and the cultural heritage of Acadian (Cajun), Indigenous, African American, and Creole communities, including sites associated with the Battle of New Orleans and the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, the Park uniquely brings together Louisiana’s natural, historical, and cultural resources in a manner that is nationally significant, and redesignation as a National Park would recognize that significance while enhancing the Park’s visibility, educational opportunities, tourism, and long-term stewardship; and

WHEREAS, redesignation would complement the existing tourism economy of southeast Louisiana and support continued federal investment in coastal restoration, climate resilience, historic preservation, and environmental education, benefiting communities throughout the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Thibodaux City Council hereby supports and encourages congressional action to redesignate the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve as the “Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution may be provided to appropriate federal, state, and local officials in support of the proposed redesignation.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS:
- NAYS:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

And the above resolution was declared adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President