

ORDINANCE NO. 5955 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE RESERVE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PROVIDE LSUHSC AN APPROPRIATION TO PERFORM COVID 19 TESTING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID 19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local health emergencies have been declared due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish citizens are contracting COVID 19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Diseases Control, World Health Organization, and expert virologist at LSU Health Sciences Center agree testing for COVID 19 is necessary to slow the spread of the disease and to create informed public policy; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health and Sciences Center Shreveport has created a Emerging Viral Disease Clinic that is able to provide 24hour test results

WHEREAS, LSU Health and Sciences Center Shreveport has decided to deploy its Partners in Wellness Mobile Units to test for COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has \$350,000.00 appropriated for emergency aid in its Reserve Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish can assist in funding the mobile testing, thus reaching more Parish citizens, especially medically underserved and rural citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund for the year 2020 is hereby allocated as follows:

Up to \$300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollars) to LSUHS to reimburse for Partners in Wellness Mobile Testing in areas identified as community clusters of COVID19 spread and in rural areas of Caddo Parish. Individuals must meet CDC guidelines for testing and the Administrator will pursue any and all FEMA reimbursements for which these funds may be eligible under the CARES ACT of 2020 and Louisiana Disaster CDBG Allocations. LSUHSC is to report costs to the Caddo Parish Commission in \$150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand dollar) increments.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance is introduced and passed pursuant to Charter provision 3-13 and is effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date