

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2008

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR THE "KEITHVILLE KREWE" CHIMPANZEES AT CHIMP HAVEN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, acting on behalf of the citizens of Caddo Parish who care about animals, responded to the need for a location for Chimp Haven in 2000, offering 200 acres of the Eddie D. Jones Nature Park in Keithville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary was established by an act of the Congress of the United States in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven was chosen to be the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary in 2002 and has met its goal of designing, constructing, and managing the world's leading facility for humane, cost-effective social housing, health care and enrichment for government-owned and any other chimpanzees in need of retirement, opening in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven is internationally recognized as the new model for the lifelong care of retired chimpanzees; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven provides a permanent home where all chimpanzees who move to the facility can peacefully live out their lives in large, naturalistic enclosures in complex social groups; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven is managed by concerned individuals and recognized experts in chimpanzee care and management offering organizational stability for the lifelong care of each chimpanzee; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven provides opportunities for education to all interested citizens of Caddo Parish, the State of Louisiana, the United States, and all other nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven answered an urgent appeal in 2006 from the Texas Attorney General-appointed receiver of Primarily Primates, Inc. to provide critical veterinary care for seven chimpanzees and to transfer them to the Keithville sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, Chimp Haven accepted responsibility for the lifetime care of the "Keithville Krewe," including all costs associated with their transport from Texas to Keithville and their lifetime care; and

WHEREAS, the Chimp Haven Board of Directors has declared its intention to continue caring for the "Keithville Krewe" notwithstanding efforts of some to return them to a facility in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the only goal of Chimp Haven concerning the chimpanzees is to ensure their best future; and

WHEREAS, the Keithville Krewe chimpanzees have now returned to good health and are functioning well in compatible social groups and spacious facilities; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish are proud of their association with Chimp Haven and cherish all of the chimpanzees residing there.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its desire that the "Keithville Krewe" remain permanent residents of Chimp Haven, the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby declare its support for the efforts of the Chimp Haven Board, the dedication of Chimp Haven Supporters, and the continued health and well-being of all the chimpanzees of Chimp Haven.

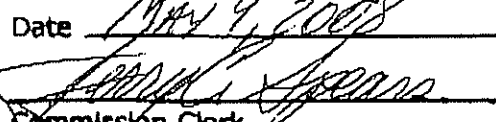
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Office Of The Parish Attorney

May 2, 2008
Date

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Date May 9, 2008


Commission Clerk