



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *On May 15, 2000, Donna Jackson began her tenure as the Assistant Director at the Louisiana Cancer Foundation, a role in which she has demonstrated remarkable compassion and effectiveness. Today, we will celebrate her legacy and retirement after twenty-four (24) years of service; and*

- WHEREAS,** *In 2001, Donna joined the Executive Board and also served as Patient Coordinator for the Cancer Foundation League. Her service in these roles has greatly enhanced access to cancer treatments for patients in Northeast Louisiana. Donna's coordination of multiple free cancer screenings each year has enabled early detection for thousands of Louisiana residents, potentially saving countless lives; and*

- WHEREAS,** *The Cancer Foundation League is an all-volunteer organization, affiliated with the Louisiana Cancer Foundation as a fundraising arm, to assist with outreach and to support the Foundation's programs and services. The League has been influential in providing direct financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with cancer throughout Northeast Louisiana; and*

- WHEREAS,** *Under Donna's leadership, the Louisiana Cancer Foundation for Research and Education has provided comprehensive programs designed to encompass all phases of the cancer experience, offering support*

- WHEREAS,** *Through Donna's stewardship of the patient assistant fund, she has facilitated over \$2,405,000 in support for over six thousand, two hundred (6,200) Northeast Louisiana cancer patients, ensuring they have the resources necessary to pursue treatments with dignity and peace of mind. At her retirement, Donna leaves a legacy of abundant funds in the patient services fund to continue supporting cancer patients in Northeast Louisiana; and*

- WHEREAS,** *Donna Jackson seeks to continue to serve in Monroe, Louisiana, through her past affiliations with numerous boards and organizations, namely the Center for Children & Families, Children's Coalition of Northeast Louisiana, State Board of Preventive Child Abuse, Go Care, Grace Episcopal School, Youth House of Ouachita, Junior League of Monroe, CASA of Fourth Judicial District, and Northeast Louisiana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen.*

Now, Therefore, I, Friday Ellis, Mayor of Monroe, Louisiana, on behalf of the Monroe City Council, and citizens of Monroe, express our sincere gratitude to Donna Jackson for her unwavering dedication and service to Louisiana Cancer Foundation, to the citizens of Monroe, Louisiana, and to our neighboring communities in Northeast Louisiana. In recognition of her outstanding service, unwavering commitment, and compassionate leadership in improving the lives of citizens affected by cancer, I take this opportunity to proudly congratulate Donna on this momentous retirement occasion, and hereby proclaim today, April 30th as

"Donna Jackson Day"

Signed and presented this 30th day of April 2024

Friday Ellis
Mayor of Monroe, Louisiana