

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, from the early beginnings, the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) members demonstrated to all veterans with visual impairments how to take their rightful place in the community creating a world built upon equality; and,

**WHEREAS**, BVA, after 75 years still continues to advocate for veterans with combat related, accidental or age-related vision impairments to regain independence, confidence, and self-esteem through rehabilitation, training, and assisting their fellow veterans with visual impairments; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that the goals and ideals of BVA should be supported by citizens everywhere; and,

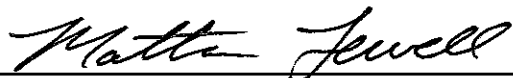
**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana/Mississippi affiliate of the Blinded Veterans Association is dedicated to improving blind rehabilitation services, education, and benefits for blinded veterans throughout the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, many Americans recognize March 28 of each year as Blinded Veterans Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY RETROACTIVELY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 AS**

## **“BLINDED VETERANS DAY”**

**IN ST. CHARLES PARISH, AND CELEBRATED THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION.**



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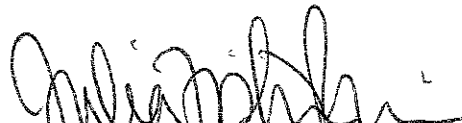
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