

**RESOLUTION NO. 194 OF 2016**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NORTH SHREVEPORT  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL AND  
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE  
WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN WILLIE BRADFORD**

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association began in 1987 as the Agurs Business Association, with a goal of reducing crime in the North Shreveport area; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Agurs Business Association elected to change its name to the North Shreveport Business Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association is a not for profit membership organization, with a mission to educate, inform, and provide beneficial services to members, and to actively represent, promote and support the business community of north Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the North Shreveport Business Association conducts civic, educational, and charitable programs that provide financial support and/or encouragement for individuals and institutions in Shreveport and the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the North Shreveport Business Association has sponsored projects and events which resulted in the donation of \$1,200.00 to Operation Bright Holiday to allow Barksdale Personnel to travel home for Christmas; the donation of a \$3,885.00 commercial dishwasher to the Shreveport Campus Culinary Arts Department, Northwest Louisiana Technical College; the donation of a \$1,500.00 sponsorship for the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation Gentlemen's Cooking Classic to provide academic scholarships for students; the donation of a \$300.00 sponsorship for Bossier Parish Community College Golf Tournament to provide academic scholarships for students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, and in prior years, the North Shreveport Business Association has sponsored awards and appreciation banquets for the Shreveport Fire Department, the Shreveport Police Department and other first responders in Caddo Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the North Shreveport Business Association donated \$14,790.00 to the Shreveport Police Department to purchase sixty (60) new personal protective helmets and shields; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the North Shreveport Business Association donated \$9,710.40 to the Shreveport Fire Department to purchase ballistic vests and helmets; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association has been involved in the Law and Youth Academy (Shreveport Police Department Community Oriented Policing program) since its inception in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2007, the North Shreveport Business Association donated approximately 3,500 new toys and \$14,965.00 in monetary donations to Operation Santa Claus (a joint effort of the Shreveport Police and Fire Departments); and

**WHEREAS**, since 2014, the North Shreveport Business Association has made financial and non-perishable food donations to the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association donated \$5,000.00 to Woody's Home for Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association donated \$1,500.00 to the Gingerbread House, Bossier/Caddo Children's Advocacy Center; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Friends of the North Louisiana Crime Lab Project, the North Shreveport Business Association helped raise \$69,502.20 to purchase a Comparison Microscope for the Crime Lab; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shreveport Business Association has assisted with the Shreveport Police Department S.I.G.N. Initiative and the City of Shreveport's North Shreveport Clean Up Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that recognition and appreciation be given on this day to the North Shreveport Business Association for its civic, educational and charitable activities which have made critical institutions stronger and improved the lives of the citizens of this community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be signed by each member of the City Council, and executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the North Shreveport Business Association, and the other original filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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