

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN  
HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the history of Lincoln High School traces its origins to 1885, when a dedicated group of African American citizens began the important work of founding an educational institution in Ruston, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the school was officially chartered in 1891 with a mission to provide moral, literacy, and industrial education to all who sought learning, regardless of background, and offered a curriculum spanning from the Primary department through the Normal course, including specialized training in music, domestic science, agriculture, manual training, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, despite early challenges, including a short academic year and the destruction of the original building by fire in 1922, the school continued to persevere, holding classes in churches and fraternal halls before reopening in 1925 as a modern brick facility under the name Washington High School, later renamed Lincoln High School; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of exceptional educators and administrators such as Mrs. Ira A. Lewis, Mr. H.L. Campbell, Mr. J.K. Haynes, Mr. J.H. Owens, Mr. Eddie Davenport, Mr. Aubrey Land, and Mr. Alonzo Davis, the school grew in size, stature, and impact; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln High School continues to stand as a symbol of perseverance, educational excellence, and community pride, with a legacy built upon the aspirations of its founders and the achievements of its alumni.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT SET FORTH, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim August 30, 2025 as LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana and calls upon the citizens of Lincoln Parish to celebrate the history and legacy of this historic institution.

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