

## **Resolution 21-**

WHEREAS, an election will be held October 9, 2021 for the renewal of a 4.49 mil property tax for 10 years to provide funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction, and support of the Lincoln Parish Library; and,

WHEREAS, this millage has not increased in the last twenty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, said revenues generated by the 4.49 mil tax constitute 97% of the library's total budget; and,

WHEREAS, the library provides daily library services 7 days a week, 66 hours a week through a branch and outreach van; a book collection of over 110,700 volumes and over 5,200 current magazines and newspapers in stock; approximately 22,600 DVDs and Blu Rays as well as 7,100 audio books; digital access to movies, music, books and audio books totaling over 1,000,000 items; access to 39 digital databases for literacy, education, and research as well as in house reference and information assistance and telephone and online messaging reference services; story times, crafts, and STEAM programming for children and teens; summer reading programs and year-long reading challenges for all ages; senior citizen, assisted living, day care and home bound outreach services; young adult collections and reading spaces; interlibrary loan through which library materials are borrowed from other libraries for Lincoln Parish Library patrons (member of Trail Blazer Library System and Green Gold Library System); 45 public use computers; 20 mobile internet hot spots for checkout; special collections including a fully equipped genealogy department and an extensive large print collection; 5 public access study rooms and a large community meeting space as well as a full scale rentable event facility which can host over 1,000 attendees.

WHEREAS, the library will cease to function without the renewal of this millage since the library has no alternative funds for operation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, that it does hereby and herewith support the renewal of a 4.49 mil property tax for 10 years to provide funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction, and support of the Lincoln Parish Library.