



CEDRIC B. GLOVER
MAYOR
CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



LORENZ "LO" WALKER
MAYOR
CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

OFFICES OF THE MAYORS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Cities of Shreveport and Bossier City have recognized April as Confederate History Month in recognition of the State of Louisiana joining the Confederate States of America and Shreveport's role as the capital of Confederate Louisiana and Headquarters of the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate Army; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier City area contains many sites of historical significance to the War Between the States (Civil War), including a Confederate Naval Yard, Earthworks, and a monument to the last place that the Flag of the Confederate Government flew with the capture of Shreveport, a major initiative of the Union Army's strategy to split the confederacy; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier City area is also home to heroes of the War including Union Army Captain C. C. Antoine (for whom a local park is named) and Confederate Captain John David Herndon (for whom a local middle school is named) and Confederate Col. Leon D. Marks, Commander of the 27th Louisiana Infantry, who is buried in Oakland Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, previous proclamations have called upon all citizens to study the War Between the States, as we study all wars, so that we may understand the historical events which compelled the war and, from that understanding, continue to learn to live together and seek to avoid further conflicts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this need to promote healing, unity and understanding of the broader context of the conflict; and in recognition of the month of April as a significant month for the entire nation as it relates to the War Between the States;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, CEDRIC B. GLOVER, MAYOR of the City of Shreveport, and LORENZ WALKER, MAYOR of the City of Bossier City, do hereby proclaim the month of APRIL 2008, as:

"CIVIL WAR HISTORY MONTH"

in Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, and urge all citizens to study the history of the conflict and events in the years from 1861 and 1865 and to contemplate the actions of the citizens of our community during that era.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of these two Cities to be affixed.



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