

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

This agreement made by and between:

CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, whose permanent mailing address is Post Office Box 2069, Ruston, Louisiana, 71273-2069, appearing herein by and through Ronny Walker, its duly authorized Mayor,

hereinafter referred to as "City", and

NORTH LOUISIANA MILITARY MUSEUM, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, whose permanent mailing address is 201 Memorial Drive, appearing herein by and through Ernie Stevens, its duly authorized board president,

hereinafter referred to as "NLMM", who have agreed as follows:

1. **Agreement.** For and in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to each of the parties and the citizens of Ruston, Louisiana, and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, and as authorized and provided for in Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LSA-R.S. 33:1321, et seq., the City and NLMM enter into this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the or this "Agreement") to facilitate the City providing a benefit to the North Louisiana Military Museum (the "Museum"), in the form of providing and payment for designated utility expenses provided by the City and third parties for operation of the Museum, salary and related benefits for a Museum Director, and an annual appropriation of \$6,500. NLMM will continue to operate a military museum open to the public including visitors from within and outside Lincoln Parish,

pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein. The City has a reasonable expectation of receiving equivalent value for the use/transfer of public funds and the use of public property.

2. **City Obligations.** City agrees to:
 - 2.1 Provide and pay for all utilities supplied by the City for operation of the Museum, namely electricity, water, sewer, solid waste and telecommunication services.
 - 2.2 Place monthly natural gas (CenterPoint Energy) and security system (CenturyLink) services for operation of the Museum in the name of the City and pay the cost of such services.
 - 2.3 Pay for the salary and related benefits for one full-time employee to serve as Museum Director.
 - 2.4 Provide the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500), to be expended by NLMM for special programming related to Veteran's Day, development of a web presence for the Museum, and for the maintenance and upkeep of the Museum grounds.
3. **NLMM Obligations.** NLMM agrees to:
 - 3.1 Continue to operate the Museum and keep the Museum open to the public on Memorial Drive in the City three (3) days per week and at other times for special events designated by the Board of Directors.

4. **General Provisions.** City and NLMM respectively agree:
- 4.1 This Agreement shall be in effect for eighteen (18) months, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.
- 4.2 The obligations set forth in §2.1 shall apply for the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- 4.3 The obligations set forth in §2.2, §3.1 and §3.2 shall apply for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- 4.4 The NLMM may terminate this Agreement at any time. In the event NLMM terminates this Agreement City shall have no further obligation to NLMM pursuant to this Agreement.

CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA

NORTH LOUISIANA MILITARY MUSEUM

By: _____
Ronny Walker
Mayor

By: _____
Ernie Stevens
Board President

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