

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2024

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA'S MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION PROGRAM, STATUTORILY KNOWN AS THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMEN TAYLOR AND BOWMAN

WHEREAS, the Motion Picture Production Program, as established by the State of Louisiana, provides a tax credit to motion picture productions for qualified expenditures incurred within the state; and

WHEREAS, the program has proven to be an essential tool for attracting film and television productions to Louisiana, contributing to the growth of the state's entertainment industry, creating jobs, and generating significant economic impact for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has greatly benefited from the Louisiana Motion Picture Production Program, as it has attracted numerous productions to the city, stimulating the local economy, providing employment opportunities, and utilizing Shreveport's unique locations; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport has been the filming location for several major motion pictures and television series, including *Mr. Brooks*, *The Guardian*, *Olympus Has Fallen*, and *I Saw the Light*, each of which brought significant investments to the city, boosted tourism, and showcased Shreveport as a versatile filming destination; and

WHEREAS, recent investments such as those by G-Unit Film & Television, led by renowned producer and entertainer Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, highlight Shreveport's growing prominence as a hub for film and television production. G-Unit's commitment has already led to the development of multiple projects in the city, further reinforcing the importance of the Motion Picture Production Program in attracting such high-profile production companies; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and expansion of the Motion Picture Production Program will further solidify Louisiana's reputation as a premier destination for film and television production, ensuring sustained growth in the entertainment sector and providing long-term economic benefits to the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Council recognizes that the film industry has created thousands of jobs in the region, enhanced infrastructure, and bolstered ancillary industries, such as hospitality, construction, and transportation, all of which contribute to the city's overall economic development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport City Council expresses its full support for Louisiana's Motion Picture Production Program and encourages the State Legislature to continue and expand the program to ensure its long-term success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Legislature, and other relevant stakeholders, urging their continued support for the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit and its vital role in sustaining the growth of Louisiana's film and entertainment industry, with particular emphasis on the economic and cultural benefits it provides to the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office