

1 vendor exhibits, and community gatherings; and

2 WHEREAS, a hallmark of the festival is its annual pageant, which has crowned a
3 festival queen each year since 1976, with many local families proudly passing down
4 participation in the royal court through multiple generations; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2026 Miss Amite Oyster Festival Queen, Sarah Katherine Stant, was
6 born into the oyster industry and is honored to be this year's ambassador of the festival and
7 the values it upholds; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2026 Amite Oyster Festival King, Douglas Kent, was selected for
9 his dedication to the festival and to the city of Amite; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2026 Amite Oyster Festival Pearl, Amy Kent, was selected for her
11 community involvement and commitment to the festival and all of its events; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2026 Amite Oyster Festival Grand Marshal, Carla Tate, was
13 selected by the board for her dedication and love not only for the Amite Oyster Festival, but
14 for the entire parish of Tangipahoa; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2026 Teen Miss Amite Oyster Festival Queen, Julia van Mullem,
16 is honored to be a representative of the festival; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2026 chairman, Dawson Primes, has demonstrated leadership and
18 direction for a successful festival; and

19 WHEREAS, the Amite Oyster Festival serves as a celebration of the region's local
20 waters, cuisine, culture, and heritage, while honoring the families and traditions that helped
21 shape the community; and

22 WHEREAS, the festival continues to play a significant role in fostering community
23 pride, preserving local history, and promoting tourism and economic activity in Tangipahoa
24 Parish; and

25 WHEREAS, the fiftieth Amite Oyster Festival will be celebrated March 20 through
26 22, 2026, in Amite, Louisiana.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 recognize Monday, March 16, 2026, as Amite Oyster Festival Day at the Louisiana State
29 Capitol and commends the Amite Oyster Festival for its historical, cultural, and economic
30 significance to the city of Amite, and Tangipahoa Parish upon its fiftieth anniversary.

