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Grand Réveil Acadien in Church Point

CHURCH POINT, La. –Oct. 12, 2022– Four official representatives from the Municipality of Clare, Nova Scotia traveled to Church Point, Louisiana on Saturday, October 8 to experience a full lineup of events in celebration of *Le Grand Réveil Acadien*, including the renewal of the twinning agreement between the two municipalities.

“The Acadians from Pointe-de-l’Église, Nova Scotia and the Cajuns from Church Point, Louisiana share a common history,” said Yvon Leblanc, Warden of Clare, during a speech at the twinning renewal, “we are family after all.”

Le Grand Réveil Acadien, or “the Great Acadian Awakening,” is the 9-day, state-wide cultural celebration of Louisiana’s Acadian heritage occurring once every 5 years. The *Grand Réveil Acadien* was created as a response to *Le Congrès Mondial Acadien*, or “Acadian World Congress,” held every 5 years in Nova Scotia.

The next *Congrès Mondial Acadien* is to be held August 10-18, 2024 in the Municipalities of Argyle and Clare. Leblanc extended a warm invitation for Louisiana residents to plan to visit the region of Clare during the 9-day celebration in 2024.

Other representatives of Clare in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Stéphane Cyr, Communications Officer Amy Paradis, District 7 Counselor Nadine Comeau, and the youth delegation of the *Société National de l’Acadie*.

The delegation enjoyed a full day of activities in Church Point attending French Speaking on the Porch at *Le Vieux Presbytère* Museum, browsing local arts and crafts at the Artisans Market at *Le Vieux Dépot*, experiencing Cajun cuisine and music at the Feed Your Soul Cajun Cook-Off, and ending the eventful day with *Messe en Français* at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

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