

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 80

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INCLUDING MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION, THE COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED, AND THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, fully supports protecting services provided by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). The St. Johns County Local Coordinating Board (LCB) oversees local transportation disadvantaged activities by the CTD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County fully supports in protection of the CTD services; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County's Community Transportation Coordinator, the Council on Aging, provided more than 40,000 life-sustaining TD and Medicaid trips to its residents. This was done in the safest and most cost-effective means possible as part of the statewide coordinated system that has been in place for more than 30 years. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners contributes an additional \$60,000 annually to this effort to ensure its residents have access to this vital service, demonstrating that as a community St. Johns County holds it in very high regard; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County created the award-winning Sunshine Bus Company in 2000, a deviated fixed-route system operated by the Council on Aging, which serves as the County's public bus system. The Sunshine Bus has a monthly ridership of more than 16,000, many of these being workforce riders. This provides St. Johns County citizens safe and affordable transportation to jobs while allowing the County to use the TD funds for life-sustaining trips; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation disadvantaged residents of St. Johns County depend on the TD and Medicaid transportation services, and it is currently being delivered in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County requests that the TD Trust Fund remain in place and the Medicaid Non-Emergency transportation program within the statewide coordinated system under the administration of the CTD, where it is working well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. That the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County supports maintaining the coordinated transportation system including Medicaid non-emergency transportation, the Commissioner for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Pam Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

By: J. Ken Bryan  
J. Ken Bryan, Chairman

Effective Date: April 5, 2011

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