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## A RESOLUTION OF CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR A RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of selfgovernment on behalf of the Cherokee people;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation established a new rural transit program called "Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit Program)",

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has solicited grant proposals from federally recognized Indian tribes for planning, start-up, and enhancement costs associated with implementing a rural transit program,

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is aware of the need for rural transit services to assist Cherokee's with access to employment and other vital services.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that this resolution hereby supports the continuation of a rural transit program; the pursuit of FTA funding for transit projects and facilities as may be feasible; and, the adoption of such transit projects and facilities into the long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program.