

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE APPALCART COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), on behalf of the Secretary of Transportation, apportions appropriated Section 5311 (Community Transportation Program) funds annually to the Governor of each state for public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has adopted a coordinated approach to service delivery that allows only a single applicant (sub-recipient) for Community Transportation Program funding within a county or group of counties as identified by an approved Community Transportation Service Plan; and

WHEREAS, every county in the State must have a NCDOT approved, Authority Board and/or County Commissioner adopted and locally implemented five-year Community Transportation Service Plan to receive funding under the Community Transportation Program and all other public transportation funding programs administered by NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County created the Watauga County Transportation Authority (a public body), now named **AppalCART**, by resolution in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 25 as the lead transportation agency for the County, authorized to apply for and receive public transportation funding and provide public transportation services in the County; and

WHEREAS, **AppalCART**, in partnership with NCDOT, and public and private stakeholders, passengers, advocates, and members of the public developed a Community Transportation Service Plan to:

- Promote the development and availability of transportation services throughout the State, in partnership with local officials, public and private nonprofit agencies, operators of transportation services, and members of the public;
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of federal/state funded transportation programs;
- Support and promote the coordination of public transportation services across jurisdictions and program areas;
- Provide dependable transportation to the general public, low income individuals, elderly persons, and/or persons with disabilities within the guidelines and funding levels provided by NCDOT and FTA;
- Enhance the coordination of existing services for the development of a seamless transportation network;
- Build upon the coordination efforts that exist within North Carolina's public transportation system; and
- Serve as a basis for future funding requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the **AppalCART Board of Authority** formally adopts the **AppalCART Community Transportation Service Plan** and agrees to implement the plan's recommendations in accordance with the implementation schedule and timelines delineated in the plan and depending upon the availability of funding at the local, state, and federal levels.

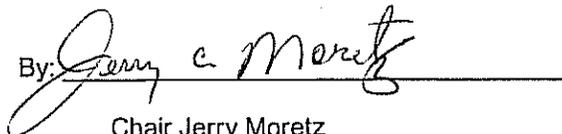
Adopted this 25th day of JANUARY 2011

ATTEST

AppalCART BOARD OF AUTHORITY



Clerk to the Board Christopher Turner

By: 

Chair Jerry Moretz