

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2011-09

Supporting the Preservation of Funding for the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged

WHEREAS, the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged serves over 800,000 of the most vulnerable Floridians annually through a coordinated system funded through the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated system for Transportation Disadvantaged citizens provides life-sustaining trips to Florida residents for medical services and basic services necessary for independent living through a coordinated system that only requires one call for services; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the annual cost for Medicaid trips has been reduced from \$95.5 million to \$65.4 million due singularly to the coordinated system; and


WHEREAS, the coordinated Transportation Disadvantaged system has received National awards in 2004 and 2008 and the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged has received three Tax Watch/Davis Productivity Awards recognizing significant cost savings and elimination of duplication of services; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Disadvantaged residents of Florida depend on the Transportation Disadvantaged and Medicaid transportation services, which is currently being delivered in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeast Florida Regional Council urges the Florida Legislature and Governor Scott to leave the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund in place and the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation program within the statewide coordinated system under the administration of the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged, where it is working well.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the fifth day of May, 2011.





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