TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is the intent of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2020 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Vehicle Accessibility Plan Update and the FY 2021 Coordination Plan for Local Bus Operating Assistance for this agency have been reviewed and no comments were submitted by the Local Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed balanced budget and funding sources of estimated State Operating funds $406,230, estimated 5311 Federal Operating funds $198,745, estimated local funds $151,165, estimated fare box and local contracts $290,000, estimated other funds of $53,500, RTAP training funds $4,500 with total estimated eligible operating expenses of $1,104,140; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed capital budget for FY 2021 of estimated $228,000 in estimated Federal CMAQ funding and estimated $57,000 in State capital matching funds totaling $285,000 in capital funding for FY 2021 to be used towards the purchase of three replacement busses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby make its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Evan Smith as the Transportation and Planning Coordinator, for all public transportation matters, and authorizes him to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or Department for its administration of Act 51 for FY 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

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