

RESOLUTION NO. 17-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, COMMENDING THE DEDICATED LEADERSHIP OF MICHAEL MORRIS AND HIS STAFF, OF THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, due to the passage of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) on June 9, 1998, three transportation agencies in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex which serve approximately 14 different cities including Mesquite, were declared ineligible for operating assistance reimbursements from the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation. Approximately 60,000 elderly and/or mobility impaired residents were affected in the metroplex; and

WHEREAS, realizing the devastating impact the loss of these federal and state funds would have on the elderly and disabled citizens of these cities, Michael Morris, Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and his staff worked very diligently to develop a potential funding strategy to supplant the loss of federal and state operating dollars; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Mr. Morris, the Omnibus Appropriations Conference Agreement amended TEA-21 in October of 1998 and reinstated the eligibility of these metroplex agencies and other agencies across the United States to be able to receive operating assistance up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris wrote letters and met with the Regional Federal Transit Administration staff in Fort Worth to lobby for a high percentage of the \$1,000,000 to remain in the metroplex; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Morris's perseverance and creative approach to the problem, all the transportation providers will be fully funded for 1999 and with anticipation for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council, the elderly and disabled residents of Mesquite, and the City of Mesquite staff are grateful to Michael Morris and his staff of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for their hard work and dedication to the transportation needs of all populations.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the charter in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1999.



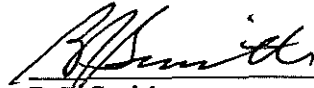
Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary



B.J. Smith
City Attorney