RESOLUTION NO. 1995-9

AUTHORIZING GRANDPARENTING IN ALL COMMUNITY RESPONSIVE TRANSIT RIDERS (CRT) WHO WILL BE 65 YEARS OR OLDER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996, AS ELIGIBLE FOR RTA ADA COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE - CATEGORY III

WHEREAS, elderly residents of Cuyahoga County have special transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the availability of adequate and accessible transportation is of critical importance to the quality of life and independence of older persons; and

WHEREAS, up to 4,000 current elderly users of CRT service would otherwise be phased out of paratransit service as the RTA ADA Complementary Paratransit Plan service is phased in beginning in 1995; and

WHEREAS, these users have become dependent on the CRT service; and

WHEREAS, RTA has the authority to provide its ADA paratransit services to persons that are not included under the Americans with Disabilities Act transportation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the General Manager of the Authority is authorized to certify all CRT riders who are currently 65 years or older and all other persons who will be 65 years or older as of December 31, 1996 and wish to use RTA paratransit services, and who are not otherwise eligible for special paratransit services as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for mobility impaired persons (non-ADA-certified), as eligible for RTA ADA Complementary Paratransit Service - Category III.

Section 2. That all Category III service trips that are five (5) miles or less in length (origin to destination) will be provided curb-to-curb without regard to the RTA ADA Complementary Paratransit Service Plan definitions of service area (i.e., within three-quarter (3/4) mile of a fixed route service) and service periods (i.e., days and hours that fixed route service is normally operated). All Category III service trips that are greater than five (5) miles in length (origin to destination) will be provided as specified in the RTA ADA Complementary Service Plan (i.e., feeder to fixed route service).

Section 3. That in accordance with the ADA regulations that apply when there is insufficient capacity to meet all the trip demands of both ADA-certified and non-ADA-certified customers, all trip requests from ADA-certified must be fully accommodated before accommodating the trip requests of non-ADA-certified customers.

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Section 4. That a priority system to distinguish between ADA-certified and non-ADA-certified customers be developed and implemented to accommodate the provisions of Section 3 above.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted:	February 21 , 1995	
Attest:	Torold Tola	President
Gener	al Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	