

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-59

EXPRESSING THE GREAT SORROW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ENTIRE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AT THE PASSING OF FORMER METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER ROBERT K. PFAFF, AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY

WHEREAS, Robert K. Pfaff served METRO Regional Transit Authority for 38 years, starting in 1974 as a Bus Operator, and was subsequently promoted to the positions of Road Supervisor in 1976, Assistant Director of Operations in 1978, and Director of Operations in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Pfaff became METRO's Executive Director in 1995 and served in that capacity until his untimely demise; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, METRO introduced new services to the Akron area, including express bus service to Cleveland, late night service to heavy employment area for second and third shift workers, and Sunday service for the first time in METRO's history; and

WHEREAS, several capital projects were implemented under his tenure, including construction of two park-and-ride facilities and two transit centers, including an environmentally-friendly, state-of-the art transit center which serves as METRO's hub for its daily operations that was renamed in his honor in May 2012; and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Pfaff secured METRO's future stability and growth with the passage of a ¼ percent county-wide sales in 2008, which eliminated impending cuts in vital line service and SCAT transportation; and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Pfaff served on various transit and community boards, including the Ohio Transit Risk Pool, Ohio Public Transit Association, Downtown Akron Partnership, Urban League of Akron, Rebuilding Together Summit County, Summit County Social Services Advisory Board, Visiting Nurse Services, and Portage Path Behavioral Health Board.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees and the employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority hereby honor the memory of Robert K. Pfaff and publicly express their sorrow upon his passing.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees and employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority extend to the family of Robert K. Pfaff their most sincere regrets and condolences upon their loss.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: July 17, 2012


Acting President

Attest: 
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer