## GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-08**

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, *et seq.* (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Wood, Van Zandt, Titus, and Kaufman joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2017, the Commissioners Court of Camp County, Texas, adopted a resolution indicating its support for Camp County's request to become part of the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2017, the Commissioners Court of Cass County, Texas, adopted a resolution indicating its support for Cass County's request to become part of the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Courts of Gregg, Smith, Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Van Zandt, Wood, Titus and Kaufman Counties have each adopted resolutions indicating support for the requests of Camp and Cass Counties to become part of the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has adopted rules for the addition of counties to a regional mobility authority, set forth in Section 26.21 of the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the NET RMA Board of Directors, a petition requesting approval for Camp and Cass Counties to become part of the NET RMA will be submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission in accordance with Section 26.21 of the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Transportation Code Section 370.251 and the NET RMA's Bylaws, the addition of Camp and Cass County will allow each of those counties to appoint one (1) member to the NET RMA Board of Directors, with any additional appointments by a process unanimously agreed to by the commissioners courts of all the counties of the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Board of Directors has considered the request of Camp and Cass Counties to join the NET RMA and has determined that the addition of Camp and Cass Counties will benefit the mobility of the region and will facilitate regional planning and development of critical transportation infrastructure, thereby enhancing economic vitality and promoting a better quality of life for residents throughout North East Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors agrees to the addition of Camp and Cass Counties to the NET RMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Executive Director is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to secure approval of the Texas Transportation Commission to the addition of Camp and Cass Counties to the NET RMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors commends the Commissioners Courts of Camp and Cass Counties for their foresight and commitment to regional planning, mobility improvements, and regional cooperation that can be accomplished through participation in the NET RMA.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 19th day of March, 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Linda Ryan Thomas Chair, Board of Directors Date Passed: 03/19/19 Resolution No. 19-08