RESOLUTION NO. 2017-105

EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO LORETTA KIRK UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR 38 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND LOYAL SERVICE, AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk has dedicated 38 years of her life to public service, working tirelessly in the areas of financial and fiscal management, and reporting; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk, during her 38 years with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA"), held the positions of Director of Internal Audit, Director of Accounting, Deputy General Manager of the Finance and Administration Division and the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk has been responsible for the management of nearly a quarter billion dollar budget and a staff of over 400 people. Under her leadership, the GCRTA has been recognized consistently for outstanding fiscal management and reporting for more than 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk has been a passionate member of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials ("COMTO") for 37 years and served as the President of the Cleveland Chapter as well as the National Chair from 2002-2006. She has led the hosting of two successful national meetings in Cleveland, Ohio and engaged her vast network of contacts and resources to support and elevate COMTO as a major player in the transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk has served as past President of the Cleveland Chapter of Institute of Internal Audit, Government Finance Officers Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accounting, National Association of Black Accountants, and on the Finance, Procurement and Fare/Revenue Collection Committees of the American Public Transportation Association; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Kirk's diligence and professionalism in her job performance, coupled with her dedication to public service, have been of immeasurable value to the GCRTA and the community she has served over the last 38 years, making her an inspiration and role model for GCRTA employees and many others.

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 expresses its gratitude to Loretta Kirk for her dedicated service to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, its customers and the region.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees offers its best wishes to Loretta Kirk and hopes she will enjoy her upcoming retirement.

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

Adopted: December 19, 2017

President

Attest:

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer