



RESOLUTION NO. <u>24-051</u> FILE ID NO. 24-103	_
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ORLEANS	

## TO AUTHORIZE AND RATIFY EARLY VOTING SATURDAYS FOR THE 2024 ELECTION AS FREE TRANSIT DAYS

Introduced by Commissioner	<u>Walton</u> ,	seconded by	Commissioner
Guidry .			

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is committed to providing highquality public transportation services for the benefit of the people and the communities it services; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has previously granted the riding public free transportation on city-wide election days, and a significant share of the riding public is likely to vote early for the upcoming November election day; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has determined that providing free transportation on the two Saturdays of early voting in Orleans Parish is in keeping with the priorities of the Regional Transit Authority's mission of providing free rides to the voting poles; and;

**WHEREAS**, the RTA is not expected to forgo more than \$60,000 in collected fare revenue across two additional days of election-related fare-free service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that Saturday, October 19, 2024, and Saturday, October 26, 2024 will be free to riders of bus, ferry, and streetcar services in Orleans Parish in recognition of voting for the November 2024 Election.

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THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE  $26^{th}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

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FRED A. NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS