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RESOLUTION NO. 26-019
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**RATIFICATION OF THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN
THE NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA) AND THE ORLEANS
PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (OPSO) FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSIT SERVICES
FOR THE 2026 MARDI GRAS SEASON.**

Introduced by Commissioner Walton, seconded
by Commissioner Guidry.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners previously adopted Resolution No. 26-003 on January 27, 2026, authorizing the CEO to negotiate a CEA with the City of New Orleans for the 2026-2027 Mardi Gras seasons; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that authorization, the New Orleans Police Department ("NOPD") and New Orleans Sanitation Department ("NOSD") confirmed they no longer require RTA transportation services for the 2026 Mardi Gras season; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office ("OPSO"), which historically relied on NOPD-charted RTA transit services, identified an urgent and immediate need for direct transportation support to ensure the deployment of law enforcement personnel for public safety during the 2026 Mardi Gras season; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is willing to provide these critical transportation services to OPSO for the 2026 Mardi Gras season to support public safety and secure full financial reimbursement for all services rendered; and

WHEREAS, due to the immediate operational requirements of the 2026 Carnival window and the necessity of ensuring regional safety, the Chief Executive Officer authorized staff to coordinate with OPSO and execute the CEA; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority hereby ratifies the CEA with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office

for the purpose of providing transit services for the 2026 Mardi Gras Season.

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

YEAS:	<u>4</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>3</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 24 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Neal, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

**FRED NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**