



*Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado*

## SUPPORTING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE TRANSIT SYSTEMS

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**WHEREAS**, public transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities in the small towns and rural areas of Progressive 15 is limited, and

**WHEREAS**, the elderly population in the Progressive 15 region is growing and aging in place, and is faced with isolation and losing their independence, and

**WHEREAS**, the elderly population and persons with disabilities often have a limited income and fewer resources available to them, and

**WHEREAS**, insufficient reimbursements from Medicaid and other providers creates economic disincentives for providing medical transportation service in rural areas, and

**WHEREAS**, current transit regulations and restrictions create unintended consequences for transit service in rural areas,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Progressive 15 encourages the State of Colorado to support access to affordable transit systems and programs for the elderly and persons with disabilities in the Progressive 15 region.

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