

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

- RESOLUTION 69-04 -

COMMENDING JOHN MASON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority ("NVTA") hired John Mason on January 10, 2008, to serve as its first Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, John Mason has worked tirelessly to organize NVTA's administrative offices; draft personnel policies; secure insurance; prepare for regular and special NVTA meetings; organize the NVTA Finance Committee and Technical Advisory Committee; answer questions from the public, vendors, public agencies and others regarding the taxes and fees that NVTA implemented on January 1, 2008; update NVTA's By Laws; establish administrative procedures; assist the Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee with their activities in support of NVTA's mission and goals; prepare for NVTA's FY 2008 audit; and represent the NVTA at various regional and statewide meetings; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2008, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the General Assembly did not have the authority under the Virginia Constitution to delegate its taxing powers to the NVTA; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2008, the NVTA ceased collection of the seven taxes and fees authorized by Chapter 896 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has not restored any transportation funding to NVTA to date; and

WHEREAS, John Mason, working with state and local agencies, coordinated NVTA's refund process and continued to address numerous issues related to refunds and other NVTA matters; and

WHEREAS, John Mason has demonstrated a high degree of professionalism throughout his tenure as Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority expresses its sincere appreciation to John Mason for his energetic, thoughtful, dedicated and steadfast service to the NVTA during the past nine months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NVTA regrets that it is no longer able to retain John Mason in the capacity of Executive Director;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NVTA wishes John Mason well in his future endeavors.

Approved by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority on this 11th day of September 2008.

By: 
Chairman

Attest: 
Vice Chairman