

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT
AND ST. TAMMANY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC**

(Rural Transit Operations)

This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on the dates set forth herein below, pursuant to the 1974 Louisiana Constitution Article VII Section 14(C) wherein governmental entities are empowered to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements and further by St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter sections 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 and 3-09, by and among the following parties:

ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 628, Covington, Louisiana 70434, herein appearing by and through Patricia P. Brister, Parish President, duly authorized (hereinafter referred to as “Parish”); and

ST. TAMMANY COUNCIL ON THE AGING, INC., a non-profit corporation of the State of Louisiana, whose mailing address is 72060 Ramos Avenue, Covington, LA 70434, herein appearing by and through Julie Agan, its Executive Director, duly authorized (hereinafter referred to as “COAST”); and

WHEREAS, Parish is in need of an operating partner for Parish’s rural public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, COAST desires to operate the rural public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, Parish has acquired and/or will acquire the vehicles, movable property and equipment as described in the attached Exhibit “A” (hereinafter referred to as “Property”), which will be used by COAST with the operation of rural transportation services. The Property will be owned by Parish, but will be within the custody of and operated by COAST in furtherance of its operation of rural public transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree and bind their respective offices as follows:

1. **PUBLIC PURPOSE**. The parties to this Agreement acknowledge and agree that the public purpose for this Agreement is the operation and funding of rural public transportation services in St. Tammany Parish. The parties have determined that (a) the expenditure of public funds pursuant to this Agreement is for a public purpose that comports with a governmental purpose that Parish may pursue; (b) the expenditure, taken as a whole, is not