A RESOLUTION OF THE
FRANKLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LAWS WHICH EXTEND
THE OPERATIONAL PERIOD OF A SCHOOL BUS SO LONG AS THE BUS IS
DEEMED SAFE AND FIT FOR USE

WHEREAS, the Franklin Special School District Board of Education ("Board") is the local governmental body responsible for providing a public education to students and families within the boundaries of the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, providing transportation to the students of Franklin Special School District can be a costly and complicated task; and

WHEREAS, current law requires the retirement of school buses at arbitrarily established times and with arbitrary usage limits that do not consistently reflect the appropriate life of a school bus and its use; and

WHEREAS, many times school buses are safe and fit for operation beyond those arbitrarily established time and mileage limits; and

WHEREAS, replacing those buses that are safe and fit for use only because they have passed the current mileage and established usage limits causes local education agencies to incur unnecessary expense; and

WHEREAS, several currently proposed bills seek to remove that unnecessary expense by allowing school buses to be used beyond the current time and mileage limits, so long as those buses are inspected appropriately and are declared safe and fit for use in the transport of students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education supports the passage of HB 1473 / SB 1605, HB 1678 / SB 1461, and HB 1507 / SB 1966, which allow for the use of a school bus without regard to arbitrary mileage and usage limits, so long as those buses are appropriately inspected and are safe for use.

Votes: 6 In Favor

0 Against
0 Abstain

The Board authorizes its Chair to sign below, this 10th day of March, 2014.

Sherry Badger

Sherry Badger, Chair

3/10/14

Date