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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITIES OF CHESTERFIELD, ELLISVILLE, MANCHESTER, WILDWOOD AND BALLWIN FOR LEASING A PASSENGER SHUTTLE BUS, WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE, TO ENHANCE OLDER ADULT PROGRAMMING.

WHEREAS, the cities of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester and Wildwood created the West County Day Tripper Program to address the needs and expectations of the active older adults located in West St. Louis County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, research, program registration and survey results within the cities have shown that active older adults are looking for more programming and recreational opportunities. Providing transportation allows the cities to provide opportunities for active older adults and to offer more opportunities for local tourism; and

WHEREAS, recent trips have included the St. Louis Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, the St. Louis Courthouse, the Sheldon Concert Hall, the Fox Theater and other historical landmarks as well as the wine trails of Hermann and Ste. Genevieve. Each of these trips has reached or nearly reached reservation capacity, reinforcing a strong interest in such trips; and

WHEREAS, the older adult segment of the population will continue to grow as Baby Boomers retire. This is reflected by significant growth in the 65-74 year old age group. By offering transportation, the cities will increase the number of senior citizens who are able to participate in group outings and special activities and to more effectively use funding sources to serve the West County community; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester and Wildwood intend to request funding for a pilot program to fund the lease of a shared 22-24 passenger shuttle bus, with an option to purchase. Each city would have access to the shared shuttle for senior recreation programs that include day trips in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and surrounding areas of Missouri.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ballwin to support a cooperative program between the cities of Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and Ballwin for leasing a passenger shuttle bus, with an option to purchase, to enhance older adult programming.

 PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

 TIM POGUE, MAYOR _______

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ATTEST: _____

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