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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION concerning the motor
2 vehicle inspection and maintenance programs in Lake and
3 Porter counties.

4 *Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance*
5 *(I/M) programs in Lake and Porter counties were mandated by*
6 *the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, based on Lake*
7 *and Porter counties' designation as "nonattainment", along*
8 *with northeast Indiana and southeast Wisconsin, under the*
9 *one-hour ozone standard;*

10 *Whereas, According to the United States Environmental*
11 *Protection Agency (EPA), cars and trucks collectively are the*
12 *single greatest contributor to ground-level ozone, the major*
13 *component of smog;*

14 *Whereas, The purpose of an I/M program is to reduce*
15 *ground-level ozone by ensuring that the emission control*
16 *systems on vehicles are working correctly;*

17 *Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and*
18 *Porter counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and*
19 *Porter counties;*

20 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties in northwest Indiana are*
21 *intersected by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate*
22 *Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the*
23 *Midwest, and Lake County is also intersected by Interstate*
24 *Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway, linking major*
25 *southern cities with Indianapolis and Chicago;*



1 *Whereas, The citizens of Lake and Porter counties have been*
2 *burdened with the cost of the testing and remediation required*
3 *under the I/M program, even though thousands of out-of-state*
4 *vehicles pass through these areas on a daily basis without the*
5 *burden of submitting to the I/M program;*

6 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties are linked to the Chicago*
7 *Nonattainment Area based on violations in northeast Illinois*
8 *and southeast Wisconsin; and*

9 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties have the most stringent*
10 *suite of control measures in the Midwest, and have consistently*
11 *met EPA's objectives: Therefore,*

12 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
13 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
14 *the Senate concurring:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
16 United States Environmental Protection Agency and Congress
17 to remove Lake and Porter counties from the Chicago
18 Nonattainment Area, and thereby eliminate the requirements
19 under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance
20 programs in Lake and Porter counties are operated.

21 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr.
23 Andrew R. Wheeler, Administrator of the Environmental
24 Protection Agency, Mr. John Mooney, Acting Director of the
25 Air and Radiation Division at the United States Environmental
26 Protection Agency for Region 5, and to each member of the
27 Indiana Congressional Delegation.

