

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in Lake and Porter Counties was mandated by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 based on Lake and Porter Counties' designation as "nonattainment" along with northeast Indiana and southeast Wisconsin, under the one-hour ozone standard;

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

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

Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties;

Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway, linking major southern cities with Indianapolis and Chicago;

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

Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties are linked to the Chicago Nonattainment Area based on violations in northeast Illinois and southeast Wisconsin;

Whereas, Under the standards for ozone promulgated in 2015, nine (9) monitors within the Chicago Nonattainment Area exceed the standard, but none of the monitors are located in Indiana;

Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties have the most stringent suite of control measures in the Midwest, and have consistently met EPA's objectives; Therefore,

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice-President of the United States,

1 and members of the United States Congress from Indiana to instruct the Environmental Protection  
2 Agency to remove Lake and Porter Counties from the Chicago Nonattainment Area, and thereby  
3 eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance programs in  
4 Lake and Porter Counties are operated.

5 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to  
6 the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the Honorable Michael R. Pence,  
7 Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Joe Donnelly, the Honorable Todd Young, the  
8 Honorable Pete Visclosky, the Honorable Jackie Walorski, the Honorable Jim Banks, the Honorable  
9 Todd Rokita, the Honorable Susan Brooks, the Honorable Luke Messer, the Honorable Andre  
10 Carson, the Honorable Larry Buschon, the Honorable Trey Hollingsworth, Scott Pruitt, the  
11 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Robert A. Kaplan, the  
12 Acting Regional Administrator for EPA Region 5 in Chicago.