

RESOLUTION 32-8

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE INITIATIVE FOR TRUCK WEIGHT HARMONIZATION

WHEREAS the NEG/ECP is committed as a Region to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, and to levels that eliminate any dangerous threat to our climate by 2050, and

WHEREAS, current options for truck routes impact secondary and local roads and compromise community safety, and

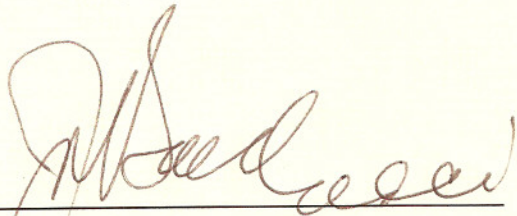
WHEREAS the transportation sector is the single largest source of GHG emissions, and

WHEREAS the successful pursuit of bi-national trade is dependent upon efficient freight movements across borders.


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation agencies work to provide a mechanism by which benefits, costs, and impacts of increasing truck weights to a harmonized standard can be assessed. This assessment shall include evaluation of highway safety, environmental benefits, infrastructure impacts, quality of community life, and transportation and economic efficiency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a regional pilot project be developed to test the impacts of increased truck weight limits on specific US highways to be selected.

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