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Resolution 34-2

RESOLUTION CONCERNING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION SOURCES

WHEREAS the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers has adopted resolutions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the 2001 climate change action plan and to address transportation sector emissions through the transportation air quality action plan; and

WHEREAS emissions from the transportation sector comprise a substantial portion of the region's greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants; and

WHEREAS an efficient and low emitting transportation sector is a key pillar of the green economy; and

WHEREAS the efficient and sustainable use of resources through conservation, energy efficiency, and an increase in the availability of alternative fuels is similarly a priority; and

WHEREAS advances in vehicle technology have brought lower-emission vehicles to the marketplace; and

WHEREAS there are innovative programs and policies in place and on-going planning in the region to better manage travel demand and opportunities to share best practices between states and provinces to address regional transportation issues such as harmonized truck weights restrictions; and

WHEREAS new federal, state, and provincial motor vehicle GHG emission and fuel economy standards will significantly reduce GHG emissions from new cars and trucks in the U.S. and Canada; and

WHEREAS the New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces have previously resolved, where appropriate, to analyze low carbon fuel standards in the interest of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, and eleven New England and Mid-Atlantic States have signed a memorandum of understanding in December 2009 to evaluate a regional low carbon fuel standard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers pledges to work cooperatively to explore opportunities to advance the green economy through investments in clean and efficient transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP will continue to coordinate and share information on the states' and provinces' respective transportation planning processes to identify opportunities to reduce GHG emissions by promoting lower polluting transportation modes and policies through measures that may include an emphasis on efficient intermodal passenger and freight transportation, facilitation of healthy transportation modes of walking, bicycling and public transportation, and policies and programs to encourage higher density, compact, and mixed-use development.

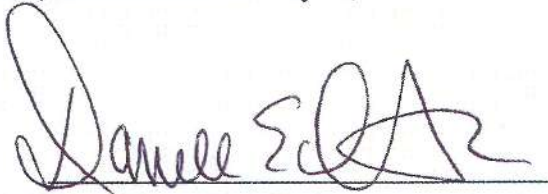
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP will continue to support strong, effective GHG emissions and fuel economy standards for motor vehicles throughout the region and will continue to work closely with our respective federal officials on recently enacted national standards to achieve these goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP will continue to evaluate the adoption of a low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) as a means to promote innovation in clean energy technologies in the transportation sector, including, but not limited to, the introduction of electric vehicles and associated infrastructure. As part of this effort, states and provinces will continue to analyze the economic benefits, impacts, and sustainability issues of a LCFS, and will identify key factors related to the appropriateness of the low carbon fuel standard for that jurisdiction, such as the availability of such fuels and fueling infrastructure.

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