



RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION

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Resolution for the River of Trade Corridor Coalition to Support the Great Lakes Collaborative and Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative

Description: Resolution for River of Trade Corridor Coalition supporting the Great Lakes Collaborative to restore the Great Lakes and Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative action to reduce diesel emissions.

WHEREAS, The River of Trade Corridor Coalition includes over 300 members uniting cities, counties, transportation authorities, freight movement entities, and businesses along the significant goods movement trade corridor to protect, maximize, and expand commerce and the economic vitality of the corridor, while mitigating congestion and facilitating a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Collaborative was created with a vision of a restored Great Lakes ecosystem and includes the EPA-led Federal Interagency Task Force, the Great Lakes states, local communities, tribes, non-governmental organizations and other interests in the Great Lakes region; and the EPA also addresses cleaner truck fleet operations by reduced diesel emissions and idle reduction technologies through its Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The River of Trade Corridor Coalition's support of the Great Lakes Collaborative is consistent with the Coalition's goals and objectives to address environmental issues along the Corridor and to collaborate with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding "clean and green" technologies;

WHEREAS, The River of Trade Corridor Coalition recognizes the progress made toward protecting and restoring the Great Lakes, and looks forward to working with the Collaborative and EPA in future environmental efforts on this and reduced diesel emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION:

THAT The River of Trade Corridor Coalition is committed to encouraging U.S. and Canada to restore and maintain the chemical and biological integrity of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

THAT The River of Trade Corridor Coalition seeks to involve federal, state, and local agencies along with elected officials in the efforts to restore and protect the ecosystem of the Great Lakes, and efforts to reduce diesel emissions and truck idle reductions in the Midwest.

THAT This resolution shall be circulated to interested parties including River of Trade Corridor Coalition members, ROTCC Congressional Caucus, ROTCC Legislative Caucus, as well as governors, state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, chambers of commerce, appropriate media and others along the nine state River of Trade Corridor and is so accordingly ordered.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION at the June 2007 ROTCC International Quarterly Meeting, this the 14th day of June, 2007.

ATTESTED BY:

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