

**RESOLUTION**  
**REQUESTING FEDERAL RECOGNITION AND**  
**FINANICAL SUPPORT FOR**  
**THE INTERSTATE 81 CORRIDOR COALITION**

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate 81 Corridor is a national strategically significant transportation thoroughfare through which people and material goods pass by highway, rail and aviation; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of the thoroughfare offers many collective opportunities but also presents many challenges and issues; and

**WHEREAS**, 12% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product flows through this Corridor thereby contributing to a multitude of economic opportunities to communities along the Corridor while also shielding economic downturns; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-81 Corridor Coalition has been formed to collectively and constructively address our mutual concerns and take advantage of our mutual opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition has representation and perspectives from federal, state and local governments, as well as transportation organizations from all six states in the Corridor: New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Tennessee; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ hereby urges the collective elected federal representatives of the I-81 Corridor to join together in obtaining federal recognition for this effort, in addition to sponsorship of a \$1.7 million appropriation through the 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBURARY, 2010.**

**ATTEST:**

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