

RESOLUTION 2011

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIANA SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12, A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN LAKE AND PORTER COUNTIES

WHEREAS, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in "attainment" of federal standards for ozone;

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, An I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program;

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 80/94 and Interstate Highway 90, 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 Chicago;

WHEREAS, The I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and Porter Counties on interstate Highways 80/94, 90, and 65;

WHEREAS, The EPA itself predicts that remote sensing technologies may soon offer the potential for a fast and convenient way to identify high-emitting vehicles by taking a "snapshot" of a vehicle's emissions as it passes by a sensor located on the side of the road;

WHEREAS, The EPA's establishment this past October of a new, lower ozone standard of 70 parts per billion makes this an appropriate point for federal and state environmental regulators to appraise the ozone control measures in place and consider whether new measures should replace them;

WHEREAS, The Indiana General Assembly adopted on February 23, 2016 Senate Resolution No. 12, which detailed the above information and urged the EPA to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated; and

WHEREAS, The Lake County Council adopted on April 12, 2016 a resolution in support of Indiana Senate Resolution No. 12; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town Council of the Town of Munster is in support of Indiana Senate Resolution No. 12 and also urges the Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, this 15th day of August 2016 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**



John P. Reed, President

ATTEST:



David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer