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**ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

**RESOLUTION NO. 005-09 - IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) REASONABLE ACCESS HIGHWAY REGULATION (AMENDMENT OF PART 80000 OF TITLE 17 OF THE CODES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK)**

MOVED by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Ms. Robertson, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Council of Governments recognizes the need of large transport trucks to supply our communities and farms, and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of large transport trucks are using highways through our region not to deliver local goods within the region but as an alternative to Interstate highways, and

WHEREAS, the large number of non-local transport trucks is causing deterioration in the fabric and infrastructure of our communities by disturbing rural and urban residents alike with noisy engine brakes, damaging pavement and weakening bridges because of their weight, and threatening the safety of young and old pedestrians and bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the continued presence on our highways night and day of sizeable numbers of through transport trucks will negatively affect the growing tourism industry that currently brings approximately \$160 million into Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has promulgated regulations to provide relief for Tompkins County residents and make our roads safer by limiting truck traffic in Tompkins County on Routes 96, 89, and 79 to local deliveries, and

WHEREAS, through transport trucks will have to travel less than 25 miles out of their way to avoid traveling on Routes 96, 89, and 79 in Tompkins County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments urges Governor Paterson and the New York State Department of Transportation to implement the proposed regulations (amending Part 8000 of Title 17 of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York) as quickly as possible.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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