

TOWN/CITY OF _____
STATE/Commonwealth of _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an integrated national passenger transportation system includes a diversity of options, reduces inefficiencies, waste and delays; and

WHEREAS, a modern national passenger train system is an essential element of a truly balanced transportation plan, relieving congestion on our highways and in the air, lowering pollution levels, and increasing travel safety; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service in general, and Amtrak's Downeaster service in particular, encourages economic development at a rate which is higher than other modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, all modes of transportation systems require governmental financial support; and

WHEREAS, some proposals now before Congress would substantially reduce funding for Amtrak generally and eliminate all funding for State-supported Amtrak service, including the Downeaster; and

WHEREAS, the Downeaster can only operate with continued federal financial support, not only of that service, but of Amtrak's national passenger rail system; and

WHEREAS, continued federal funding of Amtrak at levels which are at least as high as those currently in place is essential to ensure the continued existence of the Downeaster service and to protect investments which have been made, and continue to be made, in that service;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the (_____) of the (city/town) of (_____) in the State/Commonwealth of (_____) that:

1. It is and shall continue to be the policy of this municipality, which enjoys providing a stop on the Downeaster route, to take all actions necessary to support continued and, if reasonably possible, the expansion of passenger rail service to this municipality and surrounding regions.

2. This municipality strongly and unequivocally opposes any decrease in federal funding support for Amtrak.

3. This municipality strongly supports the efforts of Trainriders Northeast and others to ensure continued support of passenger rail systems throughout the United States.

4. The _____ of this municipality is hereby directed to immediately send copies of this resolution to all members of the Congressional delegation, and the Governor of this State, as well as to such other parties as may be helpful in achieving the goals and objectives of this resolution.

DATED: