

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Providing for a Uniform Speed Limit of 70 MPH for the Entire Ohio Turnpike

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to establish such rules, as it considers advisable for the control and regulation of traffic on the Turnpike pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.16, and pursuant to its rules has the authority to determine what the posted speed limit shall be along the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to take those reasonable measures necessary to encourage more traffic, including commercial motor vehicles to use the Turnpike, thereby reducing congestion and improving safety on parallel routes; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has advised that the Turnpike was designed to safely accommodate a speed limit of 70 MPH; and

WHEREAS, the rules of the Commission restrict heavy commercial vehicles from using certain traffic lanes on the Turnpike, and signs along the Turnpike notify heavy commercial vehicles of this restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director and Chief Engineer to post a uniform speed limit of **70 MPH** for all vehicles on the entire Turnpike **effective April 1, 2011**, and to take such additional measures as necessary in cooperation with the Ohio State Highway Patrol to ensure the enforcement of the posted speed limit, lane restrictions and such other provisions of state law as are necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public on the Turnpike.

(Resolution No. 48-2010 adopted December 20, 2010)