

**RESOLUTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS CLEAN AIR COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THE
CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULE**

WHEREAS ozone levels in the five-county Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) are close to violating the 2008 federal air quality standards for ozone;

WHEREAS the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) is an association of locally-elected officials in the Austin-Round Rock MSA formed to respond proactively to the region's elevated ozone levels by developing and implementing air quality improvement plans targeted to the region's specific circumstances;

WHEREAS local governments in the Austin-Round Rock MSA approved and implemented strategies to reduce ozone pollution, including, but not limited to: motor vehicle emissions testing, heavy duty vehicle idling limits, voluntary workplace-based programs to reduce commuting emissions, gas station storage tank filling requirements, and emissions from local power plants;

WHEREAS evidence strongly suggests that the continued success of the locally supported air quality plan and the region's hard-earned air quality gains may be compromised by pollution from outside of the region;

WHEREAS the CAC has no authority to address emissions outside the MSA and must depend on the State and EPA to ensure emissions outside the MSA do not degrade the region's air quality;

WHEREAS fossil-fuel fired power plants are a major source of NO_x emissions contributing to background ozone levels measured in the Austin-Round Rock MSA; and

WHEREAS the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule will require fossil-fuel fired power plants in Texas and neighboring states that currently contribute to ozone in Texas to reduce emissions of NO_x beginning in 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition hereby supports the implementation and enforcement of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule as it pertains to ozone season NO_x reductions required by Texas and its neighboring states.

Date: November 9, 2011

Signed: _____

Travis County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe, Chair