



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**February 17, 2010**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Davies Seconded By: Ms. Pandak Action: Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Title: Commending David S. Ekern, P. E.**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Tim Kaine appointed David S. Ekern, P. E. to the position of Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner on September 9, 2006, after a nationwide search; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his appointment as VDOT Commissioner, Mr. Ekern served 33 years at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, where, under his leadership, Minnesota was recognized as a national leader in context-sensitive design principles, and Mr. Ekern also served a three-year appointment at the Idaho Transportation Department, where he developed the largest transportation improvement program in the history of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ekern gained national attention as a Senior Executive to the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials, and for his service on the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee, where he promoted technology and operational issues by chairing the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Panels on Surface Transportation Security Research and the Traffic Operations Management and Planning Process; and

**WHEREAS**, during a period when devastating declines in state and federal revenues forced significant adjustments to the Virginia Department of Transportation and its transportation programs, Mr. Ekern was instrumental in developing "the Blueprint," a plan to create an effective and sustainable transportation agency centered on safety, maintenance, operations and emergency response, as well as the use of best and consistent practices and services to meet future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Mr. Ekern's efforts, Virginia is well-positioned to continue the development and implementation of innovative transportation solutions pioneered in recent years.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board extends its warmest regards and gratitude to David S. Ekern, P. E. for his dedication and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia during his tenure as Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, as well as his career-long contributions to facilitating the use of technology and innovative finance to deliver transportation programs and services.

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