

MULTI-STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION 2008-805 IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL ENACTMENT OF
THE IDAHO EFFICIENT VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION ACT OF 2008

WHEREAS, the Idaho Congressional delegation has introduced the Idaho Efficient Vehicle Demonstration Act of 2008 legislation that calls for portions of Idaho's interstate roadways to be included in an existing freight transport pilot project in the State; and

WHEREAS, the State pilot project, created in 2003 by the Idaho State Legislature, allows vehicle combinations weighing up to 129,000 pounds to operate on designated routes within the State highway system, as long as those vehicles meet certain safety and efficiency standards.

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation would extend the same criteria to trucks traveling on Interstates 15, 84 and 86 – presently limited to 105,500 pounds – bringing them in line with maximum gross weight restrictions on interstates in Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the bill, introduced in both chambers of Congress, is supported by Idaho Governor Butch Otter, the Idaho Transportation Department, and a broad spectrum on Idaho businesses; and

WHEREAS, the bill goes to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to be vetted and discussed ahead of the 2009 reauthorization of our nation's surface transportation policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MHTA states do urge the members of their Congressional delegations to support the adoption of the Idaho Efficient Vehicle Demonstration Act of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MHTA states urge the Congress of the United States to recognize the experience, expertise and capability of the states to manage the transportation of goods within their borders and to restore the ability of the states to work together to provide regional solutions to transportation issues that encourage the safe and efficient movement of goods.

Proposed for adoption by the MHTA Cooperating Committee, November 17, 2008.