

Hennepin County, Minnesota
RESOLUTION NO. 08-0153R1

[2008]



The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Stenglein:

WHEREAS, Hennepin County seeks to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of Hennepin County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County makes significant annual investments to maintain and expand its infrastructure, including roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, proposals are being contemplated on the federal and state levels to increase the maximum weight limit for commercial trucks and other motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, heavier commercial trucks and other motor vehicles would accelerate the deterioration of County infrastructure, putting further pressure on the County budget and Hennepin County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, there is a strong statistical correlation between higher commercial vehicle weights and a greater risk of fatal accidents on roadways; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Hennepin County opposes any federal or state legislation that would increase weight limits for commercial trucks and other motor vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Affairs of Hennepin County be directed to help with public awareness campaign; and to work with appropriate partners opposed to weight limit increases.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 6 YEAS and 0 NAYS, as follows:

County of Hennepin Board of County Commissioners	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mike Opat	X			
Mark Stenglein	X			
Gail Dorfman	X			
Peter McLaughlin	X			
Linda Koblick	X			
Penny Steele	X			
Randy Johnson				X

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 4/22/2008

ATTEST: Kay Mitchell
Clerk to the County Board