RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION FOR THE DURHAM-WAKE COUNTIES RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION SERVICE DISTRICT GIFT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY FOR ENHANCED LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS ON THE TRIANGLE PARKWAY

WHEREAS, the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District is the organization that represents the owners and tenants in the Research Triangle Park, the research and technology science park that covers 7,000 acres in the Triangle, and

WHEREAS, more than 170 companies operate in the Research Triangle Park and employ in excess of 38,000 workers as well as a number of contractors, and

WHEREAS, the Research Triangle Park is recognized internationally as a premier research and technology center for business, industry, academia and government, and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District is committed to improving and enhancing the facilities and infrastructure within the Research Triangle Park, and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District has been the major supporter of and advocate for the Triangle Parkway for over many years, and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District has graciously and generously made a gift of $50,000 to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority for enhanced landscaping and beautification on the Triangle Parkway for the pleasure and enjoyment of motorists traveling in the Research Triangle Park,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board of Directors expresses grateful thanks to the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District for this gift and extends its appreciation to all those involved in making it possible.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2011.

Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Chairman

Robert D. Teer, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer