

**TRICOUNTY LINK
A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING
5th ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY
IN BERKELEY, CHARLESTON & DORCHESTER COUNTIES
ON JUNE 17, 2010**

WHEREAS June 17, 2010 marks the 5th Annual National Dump the Pump Day as a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, protect the environment, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

WHEREAS people who ride public transportation can save, on average, more than \$9,000 per year, based on today's gas prices and the average unreserved parking rate;

WHEREAS for every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$4 is generated in economic returns;

WHEREAS U.S. public transportation use reduces the country's carbon footprint by 37 million metric tons -- the equivalent of 4.9 million households using electricity in a year;

WHEREAS U.S. public transportation use saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline per year – the equivalent of 900,000 cars filling up every day;

WHEREAS public transportation saves 646 million hours in travel time, which in turn, reduces stress and decreases congestion on our busy roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TRICOUNTY LINK BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Declares that TriCounty Link will join with public transportation systems across the country and participate in the 5th Annual National Dump the Pump Day on June 17, 2010 by encouraging citizens to ride public transportation;

SECTION 2. That TriCounty Link declares that by using public transportation, people save money; help to improve the environment; reduce dependence on foreign oil; and improve America's quality of life;

SECTION 3. That TriCounty Link declares that public transportation is an important part of our state and our nation's transportation system and provides citizens with options other than driving a car;

SECTION 4. Further orders that in partnership with the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments and Trident Rideshare, TriCounty Link participate in the 5th Annual National Dump the Pump Day by providing free rides on all TriCounty Link fixed routes on Thursday, June 17, 2010 and offering customers an opportunity to enter a drawing to win one of two 26" bicycles when they ride the bus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reverend Robert Julius Reid, Th. D., Chairman of the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Rural Transportation Management Association (dba) TriCounty Link, do hereby proclaim that June 17, 2010 will be celebrated as Dump the Pump Day on all TriCounty Link fixed route buses operating throughout Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester counties.

Rev. Robert Julius Reid, Th. D.
Chairman