

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

**Resolution Commending the Long and Meritorious  
Service of Allan V. Johnson**

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1970, Allan V. Johnson commenced his association with the Ohio Turnpike Commission as Executive Director and has served in that capacity with distinction under five Chairmen, namely: James W. Shocknessy, O. L. Teagarden, Clarence D. Rogers, James H. Brennan, Sr. and Umberto P. Fedeli, until his impending retirement on February 29, 1996; and

WHEREAS, during his more than twenty-five years of service with the Commission, and particularly under his guidance as Executive Director, the Commission has moved forward in many vital areas including, but not limited to: development of Commission policies and positions concerning the future of the Turnpike, at both state and federal levels, as a continuing toll facility which led to extensive review by the Ohio General Assembly and adoption of legislation to modernize the Ohio Turnpike Act and provide for continuing toll operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Allan V. Johnson was primarily responsible for proposing and implementing plans that led to the installation of the world's first, on-line, computerized toll-audit system which became operational in 1974 and still serves as a model for such systems; and

WHEREAS, he actively participated in obtaining license agreements for the installation of fiber-optic cable within the Turnpike right-of-way, the first such installation on Interstate Highways in the United States and was instrumental in the development of strategy for comprehensive plans to improve the Turnpike and has worked tirelessly with the Commission in its ongoing program to add additional interchanges to increase accessibility to the 241-mile toll road and utilize these interchanges as catalysts for economic development; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director, Allan V. Johnson was instrumental in guiding the operations of the Ohio Turnpike Commission in such a way as to win outstanding ratings from national bond-rating agencies and in adoption of the Modification Agreement to the Commission's Tripartite Agreement (effective May 18, 1992) which permitted the continuation of tolls on the Ohio Turnpike after the original outstanding revenue bonds were liquidated on June 1, 1992, in the preparation of the Master Trust Agreement and related documents, all of which were used in 1994 to issue \$125 million in Turnpike Revenue Bonds at extremely favorable interest rates; and

WHEREAS, Allan V. Johnson, spearheaded the project through the preparation of RFPs and agreements to secure project manager and consultant services for the study of the Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic Corridor Project, the most ambitious undertaking of the Commission since the original Turnpike was designed and built in the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Directors from 1979 through 1990 and also as past-president of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association in 1989 and ongoing Chairman of its Governmental Relations Committee and also its Government Affairs Task Force, he has been the principal spokesperson on federal legislative matters involving toll agencies in the United States and is internationally known and respected in the field of transportation; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding achievements have been recognized in 1989 by the American Society of Civil Engineers when the Cleveland section chose him as "Civil Engineer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission from August 1, 1971, until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, as the Commission's chief administrative and operating officer, he provided distinguished service and advice to the Commission and its staff in all areas of its extensive operations and through his fair and impartial administrative style, he earned the respect and admiration of the Commission's employees totaling in excess of 1100 full and part-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission and the Commission's staff wish to give formal and public recognition for the long, honorable and exceptionally dedicated and effective service of Allan V. Johnson, as a respected professional engineer, executive director and officer of the Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby acknowledges its gratitude and expresses its appreciation of the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by Allan V. Johnson; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission extends to Allan V. Johnson, its best wishes for his success and well-being in all matters and activities which he shall undertake in the future; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer be, and hereby he is, directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Johnson.

**(Resolution No. 11-1996 adopted February 28, 1996)**

I, G. Alan Plain, Assistant Secretary of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the aforesaid resolution which was duly adopted at a meeting of the Commission, duly called for and convened and held on February 28, 1996, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on this 5 th day of March, 1996.



G. Alan Plain  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer