SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to proclaim May 2017 as "CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month" in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, over 75 percent of the 1.2 million workers in the SPC region travel alone to work; a

WHEREAS, the region will have less traffic congestion and improved air quality if more commuters shared a ride to work;

WHEREAS, sharing a ride to work will save commuters money;

WHEREAS, operating a customer-focused full service commuting options resource center, running the region's vanpool and carpool programs, and facilitating the forum for coordinating regional ridesharing efforts—SPC's CommuteInfo Program is the regional one-stop shop for ridesharing services;

WHEREAS, 633 commuters already ride to work daily in CommuteInfo's 57 registered vanpools and 586 commuters ride to work daily in the 272 carpools registered with CommuteInfo;

WHEREAS, to ensure that all employers and commuters in the region are aware of all available commuting options CommuteInfo, in addition to sponsoring volunteer vanpools and arranging carpools, provides information about transit, promotes biking and walking, provides commuter safety information, and provides information about the region's park-n-ride facilities through the Program website www.commuteinfo.org or by calling toll-free 1-888-819-6110;

WHEREAS, several events are scheduled in May that independently promote alternatives to driving alone including National Transportation Week (as declared by Presidential proclamation), National Bike Month, Bike Week, and Bike to Work Day (sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists), National Employee Health and Fitness Day (sponsored by the National Association for Health and Fitness), and National Clean Air Week (sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service); and

WHEREAS, CommuteInfo is planning a series of events in May to emphasize the value of ridesharing to the region, and to promote increased awareness of CommuteInfo and its services when national attention is being focused on alternatives to driving alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission encourages the citizens of the region to welcome and emphasize the value of ridesharing by choosing ridesharing at least twice a week, and offers its support by proclaiming May 2017 as "CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month" in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

I, Rich Fitzgerald, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws at a Meeting duly called and held on the <u>24th</u> day of <u>April</u> 2017, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer