

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2003

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY
REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF REMOTE CONTROL
LOCOMOTIVES**

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) was created by the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 103, Section 3(e) (1). The purpose of FRA is to: promulgate and enforce rail safety regulations; administer railroad assistance programs; conduct research and development in support of improved railroad safety and national rail transportation policy; provide for the rehabilitation of Northeast Corridor rail passenger service; and consolidate government support of rail transportation activities; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2001, the FRA published Notice of Safety Advisory 2001-1 in the Federal Register addressing the establishment of recommended non-regulatory minimal guidelines for the operation of remote control locomotives; and

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) has requested that the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, adopt a resolution banning the use of remote control locomotives in Roanoke County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, that this Board requests the Federal Railroad Administration to establish mandatory regulations for the operation of remote control locomotives.

Be it further resolved that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and to Norfolk Southern Railway.