



**CITY OF NEW BUFFALO
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF
NATIONAL TRAIN DAY, MAY 8, 2010**

WHEREAS, the railroad industry is an important part of the City of New Buffalo's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, a new Amtrak station was constructed in New Buffalo in October of 2009 to increase the level of service for passengers traveling to and from New Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's ridership at the New Buffalo Amtrak Station has grown 170% when comparing the first five full months of the new station's ridership total of 1,656 passengers from November 2009 through March 2010, versus a ridership total of 972 passengers for the same time period of the previous year, at the old station; and

WHEREAS, railroads provides a more fuel-efficient transportation system thereby providing cleaner transportation alternatives and energy security; and

WHEREAS, when combined with all modes of transportation, passenger railroads emit only 0.2 percent of the travel industry's total greenhouse gases and one freight train can move a ton of freight 457 miles on one gallon of fuel; and

WHEREAS, our railroad station is a gateway to our community and a tool for economic growth that creates transportation-oriented development and more livable communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of New Buffalo welcomes Amtrak's invitation to "Discover the Rail Way";

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of New Buffalo endorses National Train Day on May 8, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize and celebrate the pivotal role that a robust rail system can provide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will hold an event at our station for our community to commemorate this momentous day in railroad history, and for our community.