



1           WHEREAS, traditional solutions such as building roads or alternative transportation sys-  
2           tems such as light rail are expensive, cannot be done quickly, generally impact only targeted  
3           corridor areas and oftentimes require ongoing subsidies; and

4           WHEREAS, traditional employer-employee relationships, coupled with manufacturing  
5           and other location dependent jobs, require use of the transportation system to move the  
6           employee to the job. An information based economy coupled with more flexible employer-em-  
7           ployee arrangements enables many jobs to be moved to the employee through the use of  
8           technology; and

9           WHEREAS, to achieve the full benefits of telework, it is essential that a strategy be  
10          developed to promote and increase its use as a proactive, efficient, widespread and low-cost  
11          solution to aid in reducing traffic and congestion, and to achieve necessary improvement of air  
12          quality and the resulting avoidance of an EPA nonattainment designation, at far greater speed  
13          and with far lower cost than other traditional options.

14          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of  
15          the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein,  
16          that the Legislature does hereby support and encourage all government and business employers  
17          in the development and implementation of telework policies and programs for their employees.

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of the State of Idaho and the Idaho  
19          Legislature are hereby encouraged to continue the exploration and, to the extent feasible within  
20          available resources, assistance in the improvement and availability of the appropriate technol-  
21          ogy infrastructure which will aid employers and their employees in maximizing the full poten-  
22          tial deployment of telework within the state of Idaho.