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Whereas, the tradition of the hayride as a way to enjoy a warm summer evening has long been a part of rural life especially in less developed areas of our nation, and

whereas, the tradition of the hayride as a horse drawn wagon has over time changed to a conveyance of a trailer or semi trailer towed, pushed or drawn by mechanical means, and

whereas, these conveyances, in addition to being used for hayrides, are used on special occasions, such as delivering Santa and his Elves for Holiday celebrations, and are a staple of providing transportation for Town Bands, Youth Groups and other organizations participating in Town Parades during all times of the year, and

whereas, for Barnstable County, and it's towns, the prohibition of the use of these conveyances in providing for traditional activities and the operation of the variety of annual celebrations and observances would be detrimental to Barnstable County's culture, traditions and attractiveness for visitors throughout the Commonwealth, the Nation and Internationally, now therefore

Be it Hereby Resolved that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates requests that Senators Julian Cyr and Vinnie deMacedo, and Representatives Sarah Peake, David Viera, Randy Hunt, Tim Whelan, Will Crocker, and Dylan Fernandes, all who represent citizens of Barnstable County, submit a petition to the General Court, on behalf of Barnstable County enacting the following or similar language that would provide for the result of continuing the above traditional activities

Section 1

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including Section 13 of chapter 90, the Towns of Barnstable County are hereby authorized to allow by permit, granted by the selectmen in a town or of the city council in a city, the use of trailers or semi-trailers for conveying individuals participating in parades, celebrations and traditional activities conducted during set times and over approved routes.

Section 2

This Act shall take effect upon passage.