



## **GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE**

### **RESOLUTION 1-2006M**

#### **GREAT LAKES RESTORATION LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are resources of global significance and are key elements of the environment, economy, and culture of the United States and Canada, as well as the states, provinces, cities, and tribes within the countries;

**WHEREAS**, there is a history of international agreements as well as federal legislation in the United States and Canada to protect and restore the resource with laws, regulations, and funding programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration in the United States in 2004 and 2005 identified key priorities and recommended actions to protect and restore the resource, including possible new and revised legislation;

**WHEREAS**, members of the House and the Senate of the United States have introduced legislation in response to the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration;

**WHEREAS**, members of the House and Senate have sought out the opinions of mayors on the legislation through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative;

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative provided testimony to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on March 16, 2006, and to the House Committee on April 21, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the House and Senate will continue to consider this legislation during the course of the current session of Congress;

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that there be progress on all fronts of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly encourages the United States House of Representatives to move forward with consideration and passage of House Bill H.R. 5100 and the United States Senate to move forward with consideration and passage of Senate Bill S. 2545 to implement the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration;

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*David Miller, Mayor of Toronto, Chair*

*Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, Founding Chair*



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly encourages the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to resolve whatever differences there may be in the bills, and send forward a final bill to the President for signature;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly encourages the United States House of Representatives to move forward with the consideration and passage of House Bill H.R. 4953 and the United States Senate Move forward with the consideration and passage of Senate Bill S. 2430 on Great Lakes fish and wildlife restoration;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly encourages the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to resolve whatever differences there may be in the bills, and send forward a final bill to the President for signature;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly encourages the United States Senate to move forward with consideration and passage of Senate Bill S. 2912 regarding the Great Lakes Executive Order codification;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate move forward with consideration and passage of appropriations that will fully fund the Great Lakes Legacy Act at the President's request of \$50 million;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate move forward with consideration and passage of funding for the Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund at \$1.35 billion and the Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund at the full authorized level.

Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miller".

David Miller, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative