



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 7-2006M

CANADA-ONTARIO AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the *Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem* contributes to meeting Canada's obligations under the *Canada-US Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement*;

WHEREAS, *Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem* has guided the Governments of Canada and Ontario in their work to improve the environmental quality of the Basin since 1971;

WHEREAS, the Agreement and the Annexes to the Agreement on the Areas of Concern, Harmful Pollutants, Lake-wide Management, and Monitoring and Information Management have defined the goals, responsibilities, and commitments of both governments;

WHEREAS, the implementation and outcomes of the activities undertaken under the Agreement involve municipalities on the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, cities and towns have extensive experience with the issues addressed under the Agreement and are eager to make progress on the improving the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, cities and towns have an important role to play in identifying problems and implementing solutions to further the restoration and protection of resources;

WHEREAS, the *Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem* was signed in March 2002 and is due to be reviewed in 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urge the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to initiate and proceed with the review of the *Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem* as soon as possible;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the review of the *Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem* fully involve local governments as full and equal partners, address the critical issues facing the resource, integrate wherever possible elements included in the *Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy* in the United States, and help shape the review of the *Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement* between Canada and the United States.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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