



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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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 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 2-2006M

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE WATER LEVELS

WHEREAS, water levels across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are an issue of significant concern to many cities because of the effects they have on the ecosystem, navigation, water intakes, and other matters of importance;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative passed a resolution at its 2005 Annual Meeting about the importance of governments addressing the issue of low water levels in Lakes Michigan/Huron/Georgian Bay (the Middle Lakes);

WHEREAS, in spite of near average precipitation levels since then and good ice coverage on Lake Huron/Georgian Bay over the winter of 2005/2006, the water levels for them have declined further;

WHEREAS, Dr. Rob Nairn, the independent hydrologist who is studying the outflow from Lake Huron to the St. Clair River estimates that during the past 12 months, the permanent loss of water from the Middle Lakes through that opening is another 20 – 30 centimetres (8 – 12 inches);

WHEREAS, recent 2005 bathymetry comparisons with 2002 of the outflow of Lake Huron show substantial changes in the profile;

WHEREAS, the initial phase of the Upper Lakes Study is to analyze the St. Clair River issue and propose mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, there is continuing concern that the above study has yet to begin and yet there are continuous and increasing economic and environmental costs resulting from the ongoing decline of the Middle Lakes' water levels;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors and other key stakeholders in the Middle Lakes are eager for the Upper Lakes Study the analysis of the St. Clair River water flow and required mitigation measures to proceed without delay;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urge both the government of Canada and the government of the United States to ensure prompt funding for the International Joint Commission to carry out the study of the Upper Lakes and specifically the outflow from Lake Huron to the St. Claire River during phase I of the Upper Lakes Study;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include recommendations for appropriate water flow mitigation measures that would lead to prompt government action to stop the excessive flow through the St. Claire River.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 3 -2006M

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE BEACHES

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin recognize that lakes and rivers are a key part of the economic well-being and the quality of life for our communities;

WHEREAS, improving and protecting the quality of water is fundamental to maintaining healthy lakes, rivers, beaches and waterfronts;

WHEREAS, municipal officials are responsible for providing recreational opportunities and for protecting the public health of residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, *E. Coli* bacteria levels are used across the Basin to indicate acceptable water quality conditions to protect the health of beach users;

WHEREAS, current standard laboratory procedures typically provide results 24 hours after sample collection and therefore are unable to provide “day of sampling” results;

WHEREAS, water quality sampling protocols are not standardized across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin;

WHEREAS, research is being conducted to develop methods to provide more rapid detection of bacteria levels that are harmful to human health;

WHEREAS, the Beach Symposium held in Toronto on June 19, 2006 and sponsored by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative provided a forum for municipalities to share best practices on beach management and identified improvements that should be made to increase public access and enjoyment of beaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urge the federal, state, provincial and local governments across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin as well as research and academic institutions in the U.S. and Canada to work together to:



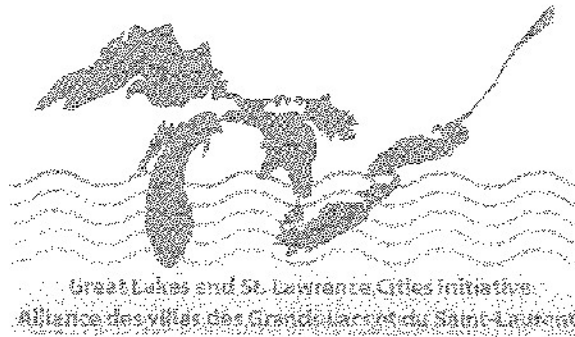
- a) establish and implement a common and safe *E. Coli* standard for application at all Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin beaches;
- b) standardize water quality sampling protocols and beach posting protocols;
- c) develop and standardize accurate and timely rapid bio-detection methods to assess beach water quality conditions on the day of sampling; and
- d) identify effective beach management programs that will improve recreational water quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourage the Federal governments of the U.S. and Canada, together with state and provincial governments, to continue providing financial support for the implementation of measures directed at improving Great Lakes and St. Lawrence nearshore water quality conditions, particularly at beach areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative support all local leaders in continuing public education, research and evaluation of the causes of beach and swimming water contamination and in finding ways to reduce or eliminate such contamination through improved beach management, and to share this information among other officials at all levels of government.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 4 -2006M

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States have worked cooperatively for nearly 100 years on border issues under the terms of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909;

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada entered into the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in 1972 to further cooperative efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made on protecting and restoring the lakes since the Agreement was reached;

WHEREAS, even with the progress over the past 30 years, the Great Lakes continue to face serious problems, including invasive species, habitat loss, toxic contamination, beach closures, combined and sanitary sewer overflows, and many others;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement was amended in 1978 and 1987, but not since then;

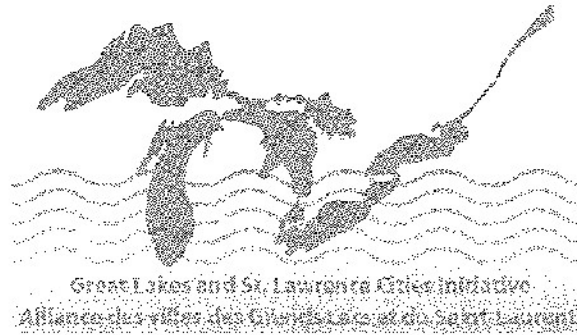
WHEREAS, Canada and the United States are currently reviewing the effectiveness of the Agreement and considering possible changes to it in the future;

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have include several parties in the review process, including the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative;

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States requested that the International Joint Commission conduct a series of public meetings to gain input on the Agreement and the review;

WHEREAS, many cities provided support to the IJC by making meeting space and other logistical support available for the meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will participate actively in the review;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative emphasize especially that the next Agreement:

1. Include the St. Lawrence River along with the Great Lakes because it is part of the same ecosystem
2. Address the full ecosystem rather than just water quality
3. Include cities as full partners with the other orders of government

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Canada and the United States complete the review and revision process in a timely manner so that an updated Agreement is in place to further the protection and restoration process.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 5-2006M

INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS, over 180 aquatic invasive species have already caused damage and are continuing to cause damage to the waters in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence ecosystem, harming the ecological integrity, biological diversity and economic health of the bi-national Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region;

WHEREAS, new and damaging aquatic invasive species are being introduced throughout the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence ecosystem at the rate of over one per year;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence ecosystem is not alone in facing damage and threats from aquatic invasive species as waters throughout the United States face the same or similar damage and threats from aquatic invasive species;

WHEREAS, local governments can and have taken steps towards prohibiting and penalizing the release of aquatic invasive species in the waters of their communities, but local governments do not have the adequate authority, jurisdiction or resources to effectively control and prevent aquatic invasive species;

WHEREAS, many organizations, state and local governments, and businesses in the U.S. agree that the nation's waters and shoreline communities would substantially benefit from a comprehensive, well-funded federal approach to help stop the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species;

WHEREAS, many organizations, state and local governments, and businesses in the U.S. agree there is a particular need for nationally standardized methods for early detection of aquatic invasive species, standardized procedures for rapidly responding to aquatic invasive species once discovered, effective regulation of ballast water and substantial increases in funding to prevent and control aquatic invasive species;

WHEREAS, although there has been strong support in recent years from within and outside of the U.S. Congress for federal aquatic invasive species legislation, and in particular for the proposed "National Aquatic Invasive Species Act", such legislation has not yet advanced;



WHEREAS, in the absence of federal aquatic invasive species legislation in the U.S., some state governments are now moving forward to enact their own state laws and regulations to control such species;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative strongly supports state efforts to prevent and control invasive species, but the existence of different state laws and policies that are not necessarily similar or coordinated is not the most effective or the most efficient approach to prevention and control of aquatic invasive species;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative recognizes that aquatic invasive species issues are urgent and that time is of the essence with respect to protecting the Great Lakes and other U.S. waters from their harmful ecological and economic consequences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the U.S. Congress to promptly enact the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2005, or similar invasive species legislation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work jointly as a coalition, and work separately with their respective members of U.S. Congress, to actively encourage the U.S. Congress through letters, meetings, and other opportunities to promptly enact the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2005 or similar invasive species legislation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will continue to urge the U.S. and Canadian governments to provide maximum funding for existing aquatic invasive species control and prevention programs, even in the absence of new legislation.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

David Miller, Chair

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 6 –2006M

WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Section 7209 of the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act* of December 17, 2004 calls on the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to develop and implement a plan to require a passport or other document or combination of documents deemed to be sufficient to denote identity and citizenship for all travel into the United States by United States citizens and categories of individuals for whom documentation requirements have previously been waived;

WHEREAS, securing land, air, and sea ports of entry is absolutely critical;

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States have a unique relationship characterized by the world's longest undefended border;

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 people from both countries cross the border every day to work, shop, and visit family and friends;

WHEREAS, cross-border communities of Buffalo-Niagara and Detroit-Windsor are tightly knit both socially and economically and residents shop, attend school or church, and events on both sides of the border;

WHEREAS, only 23% of United States citizens and 40 % of Canadians hold passports;

WHEREAS, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will require all Canadian and United States citizens to have a passport to enter the United States by 2008;

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that a passport requirement is likely to reduce travel demand between Canada and United States to the detriment of both countries' tourist industries and economies;

WHEREAS, there is little evidence that the availability of a new form of identification such as the proposed PASS card will have substantially smaller result in curtailing travel demand than a passport requirement;



WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has advised that there probably is insufficient time to complete the development and pilot testing of alternative secure identification options based on the enhancing existing forms of identification within the proposed timeframe for implementing the new documentation requirements of December 31, 2006 for individuals traveling by air and sea and December 31, 2007 for individuals traveling by land;

WHEREAS, evidence suggests that the public in both Canada and the United States is confused about the timing of the proposed implementation of the new regulations, many believing that they already require a passport to enter or re-enter the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative advise the Governments of Canada and the United States that it is deeply concerned about the risk to the economic health of communities in both the United States and Canada associated with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative request that the Government of Canada formally request the Government of the United States to delay the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative request the Government of the United States to delay implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and that the United States work with Canada to develop solutions that provide for a secure border while facilitating trade and travel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative be encouraged to attend the Mayor's Summit in Windsor on July 20, 2006 to address the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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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

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 8 -2006M

WATER CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP FRAMEWORK PLAN

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes, including Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and the connecting channels form the largest surface fresh water system on earth;

WHEREAS, the waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin are a shared public treasure;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin includes significant portions of eight states, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin and two Canadian provinces, Ontario and Quebec;

WHEREAS, over 40 million people inhabit the basin, representing one-tenth of the US population and one-quarter of the Canadian population;

WHEREAS, only one percent of the water in the Great Lakes is renewed each year;

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the region, its people, and future generations depend heavily on the integrity of the resource;

WHEREAS, Great Lakes waters sustain us, as well as the natural world, and support our needs for recreation, fishing, transportation and power;

WHEREAS, we understand that sustaining accessible and adequate water supplies is essential to the people and economies of the cities within the Basin;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative recognizes that water efficiency is important for the long term sustainability of our municipalities;

WHEREAS, cities must act to ensure the protection and conservation of the waters and water dependent natural resources of the Basin for future generations;



WHEREAS, effective water conservation and water stewardship involves a municipal commitment to best management practices and effective public outreach tools;

WHEREAS, a conservation strategy outlining what constitutes responsible water planning, use and management would reinforce the municipal commitment to conservation;

WHEREAS, a Framework for municipal water conservation and stewardship could embody this strategy, detailing these best management practices and tools;

WHEREAS, by voluntarily signing on to the Framework, municipalities would indicate their intent to enhance the stewardship of the water resource within their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Framework would allow signers the flexibility necessary to meet commitments in a way that reflects their community needs and circumstances and addresses differences in water sources, quality, quantity and usage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will create a Water Efficiency Framework that will commit the cities to specific water use reduction goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Framework will allow Cities to voluntarily sign on to indicate their commitment to actions outlined in the Framework.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Framework will be presented to the Board of Directors and, if approved, it will be implemented prior to December 31, 2006.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 9 -2006M

THE GREAT LAKES – ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COMPACT AND THE GREAT LAKES – ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin are precious public natural resources shared and held in trust by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states and provinces;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are the world's largest source of surface freshwater and are essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the cities, villages, townships, and counties along the shores and in the surrounding watershed;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence support countless recreational, commercial, tourism, and cultural activities for basin residents and visitors; drive economic development and improve the economic value of shoreline communities; support critical aquatic and coastal ecosystems; provide fresh drinking water for millions of people; and support agricultural and industrial activities;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence represent about 20% of the world's surface freshwater supply and drinking water for more than 40 million people throughout the Great Lakes basin;

WHEREAS, despite their size, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are finite and vulnerable to depletion and degradation with only one percent of the water in the Great Lakes being recharged each year;

WHEREAS, future diversions and consumptive uses of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin water resources have the potential to significantly impact the environment, economy and welfare of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River region;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states and provinces have a shared duty to protect, conserve, restore, improve and manage the renewable but finite Waters of the Basin for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all their citizens, including



generations yet to come. The most effective means of protecting, conserving, restoring, improving and managing the Basin Waters is through the joint pursuit of unified and cooperative principles, policies and programs mutually agreed upon, enacted and adhered to by all of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states and provinces;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence governors and premiers have endorsed the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, agreements to conserve, protect and improve the Great Lakes and its sustaining waters, but the agreements are not binding until ratified by each Great Lakes state legislature and approved by US Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls upon the states of New York, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to quickly ratify the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact so that it may become enforceable law in the Great Lakes states and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on U.S. Congress to give its approval to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact so that it may become a binding interstate compact on the Great Lakes states and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on the governments of Ontario and Quebec to adopt the policies and programs mutually agreed upon with the Great Lakes states in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution will be sent to: the Council of Great Lakes Governors, each of the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers, legislative leaders in each Great Lakes state legislature, and the Great Lakes Delegation in the United States Congress.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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RESOLUTION 10-2006M

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO BILL 43 – CLEAN WATER ACT, 2005

WHEREAS, Bill 43- The Clean Water Act was introduced in the Province of Ontario Legislature on December 5, 2005 and has now received second reading and been referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy;

WHEREAS, the proposed Clean Water Act is designed to protect existing and future groundwater sources of drinking water through elimination of threats to water quantity and quality by controlling inherently risky activities on land in vulnerable groundwater recharge areas;

WHEREAS, groundwater protection will be implemented through a localized approach to water management giving responsibility local conservation authorities;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes provide the drinking water for 75% of Ontario's population;

WHEREAS, the long-term sustainability of reliable, high quality water source is important for municipalities that rely on the Great Lakes for their drinking water supply;

WHEREAS, the zone of influence for municipal water treatment facilities relying on nearshore Great Lakes waters, extends across the shorelines of the lakes and crosses many local and regional conservation authority jurisdictional boundaries for most forms of pollution (watershed flows, non-point source discharges and sewage treatment plant discharges) and across the entire basin for trace level contaminants;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Charter Annex recognizes the need for a provincially led, basin-wide approach to sustainable water management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commend the Province of Ontario for introducing legislation to protect groundwater sources of drinking water;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages the Province of Ontario to implement a basin-wide strategy for sustainable water resource management that applies to the Great Lakes and addresses its responsibilities under the U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and recognizes the need to reduce pollutants entering the resource from agricultural, suburban and urban non-point sources throughout the watershed; with the strategy focusing water protection at source, including such measures as water conservation, water budgeting, pollution prevention planning, water re-use and at-source storm water management;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative submit comments to the Standing Committee of the Ontario Legislature on *Bill 43 –the Clean Water Act, 2005*.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 11-2006M

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL COLLABORATION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued an executive order on the Great Lakes on May 19, 2004 calling for a regional collaboration of national significance to develop a strategy and action plan for the Great Lakes and for the formation of a federal Inter Agency Task Force;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) under the executive order consists of representatives from Congress, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as participants from the broader Great Lakes community;

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative serves on the Executive Committee of the GLRC, along with other senior governmental officials, to guide and direct the work on the strategy and action plan;

WHEREAS, the GLRC convened a meeting of over four hundred people in Chicago, Illinois, on December 3, 2004, to initiate the work on the strategy and action plan;

WHEREAS, over 1500 people worked as part of the GLRC between December of 2004 and July 7, 2005 to develop a draft strategy and action plan, which was released on that date in Duluth, Minnesota, to the public for review and comment;

WHEREAS, among those participants were many representatives from cities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, including three people who served as co-chairs of strategy teams;

WHEREAS, during the sixty day public comment period, the GLRC held six public meetings across the basin at which over 750 attended and over 175 presented comments;

WHEREAS, nearly three thousand people and organizations provided comments on the draft strategy and action plan;



WHEREAS, the GLRC released the final strategy on December 12, 2005, and are continuing to work on identifying the most appropriate near term actions;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has continued to work with the GLRC on an implementation framework and communications strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative endorses the work of the GLRC and the strategy as a guide to future work on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work under the framework of its Business and Operating Plan to advance protection and restoration of the resource through actions by cities and projects in cooperation with other partners in the GLRC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that although the GLRC was primarily a United States effort, there was Canadian participation, and there may be actions where Canadian cities may wish to proceed;

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 12-2006M

ST. LAWRENCE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence River has been a driving force in Canadian economic and social development and is also a vital and fragile ecosystem which is home to numerous species;

WHEREAS, over 60% of the population of Québec lives along the banks of the St. Lawrence River and it supplies over 45% of the province's drinking water and the Québec government has adopted a water policy to support actions to ensure water quality;

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes, including Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, and the connecting channels form the largest surface fresh water system on earth and are a shared public treasure;

WHEREAS, in June 1988 the government of Canada announced the implementation of a vigorous clean-up and protection plan for the St. Lawrence River, known as the St. Lawrence Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Action Plan consisted of three phases, each a renewed action plan for the years 1988 – 1993, 1993 – 1998, and 1998 – 2003, and the St. Lawrence Plan for 2005 – 2010, a resolute movement forward toward developing an increasingly integrated management approach to sustainable development of the river.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative member cities support the St. Lawrence Action Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cities acknowledge that they have an important role in the implementation of the action plan to restore and sustain the St. Lawrence River;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cities pledge to work closely with the province and other stakeholders on implementation of the action plan and on future efforts regarding the restoration and preservation of the St. Lawrence River;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cities will make every effort to ensure municipal representation in decision-making regarding the St. Lawrence River.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 13-2006M

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (hereinafter, the Board) consists of 16 mayors of municipalities, or duly elected chief executives of local units of government;

WHEREAS, the Board meets on a monthly basis to conduct the business of the corporation, and also has a midyear and annual meeting;

WHEREAS, the busy schedules of mayors frequently means that they are not able to participate directly in the meetings;

WHEREAS, it takes a quorum to conduct the official business of the corporation, and often there is not a quorum of mayors present at a meeting of the Board;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board desire that the business of the corporation proceed even though they all may not be able to attend certain meetings;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board have senior staff in whom they place full confidence to represent their interests in Board meetings;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board voted to approve the following change to the Bylaws of the Corporation at their regular meeting on March 2, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative desire that the business of the corporation move forward, even if mayors are not personally present at a Board meeting, and wish to allow Board members to designate individuals to carry their full authority on the Board in their absence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Members hereby amend Section 5.01 of the Bylaws of the Corporation by adding the following sentence at the end of said section:



“Each director may designate an official representative to serve on the Board in the full capacity and with all the authority of the director whenever that director cannot attend a Board meeting. The director shall provide the name, title, and contact information of such official representative in writing to the executive director of the corporation.”

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is an active and growing organization with a full agenda of policy and administrative activities;

WHEREAS, the day to day business of the organization has been handled by the executive director in the home office in Chicago since July of 2003;

WHEREAS, the organization merged and incorporated in May of 2005, at which time the responsibilities and authorities of the Board of Directors and Officers were set out in the Bylaws of the corporation;

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the corporation refer to “managers,” along with the Directors and Officers, but do not spell out what managerial positions there are or what responsibilities they have;

WHEREAS, the executive director is responsible to the Board of Directors and Officers;

WHEREAS, the activities of the corporation have grown to a level where good business practices require that the responsibilities of the executive director be set out in more detail;

WHEREAS, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative wish to set out those responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative hereby amend the Bylaws of the Corporation to add a new Section 8.07, Responsibilities of the Executive Director, providing that the executive director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative shall have the following responsibilities:



8.07 Responsibilities of the Executive Director

1. Carry out the day-to-day administrative duties of the corporation;
2. Provide policy and administrative advice to the Board of Directors and Officers;
3. Carry out the directions of the Board of Directors and Officers;
4. Represent the Board of Directors, Officers, and Members in various forums where the corporation has an interest;
5. Interact with partners and stakeholders on efforts relating to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence;
6. Sign contracts, checks, and other documents on behalf of the corporation;
7. Recruit and retain staff, contractors, interns, and others to help carry out the work of the corporation;
8. Direct the work of the staff, contractors, interns, and others providing services to the corporation;
9. Conduct such research and generate such reports as may be needed by the corporation;
10. Manage the finances of the corporation utilizing good business practices; and
11. Carry out such other duties and assignments as may be requested by the Board of Directors and Officers or as may be necessary for the efficiency and effectiveness of the corporation.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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



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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

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FOUNDING UNITED STATES CHAIR AND DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, founded the Great Lakes Cities Initiative in 2003, served as president of the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors in 2004, and was the founding Chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in 2005;

WHEREAS, Mayor Daley has provided strong local, regional, national and international leadership on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence issues, as well as on a wide range of environmental matters;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative wish to continue the leadership role of Mayor Daley in the future of the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative hereby amend the bylaws of the organization in part "**Directors Part 5.01 Composition and Designation**" by adding the following sentence at the end:

Included in the sixteen (16) members of the Board of Directors will be one member designated as founding United States Chair and Director for Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

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