

RESOLUTION # 3

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

PRESENTED BY:

Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago
Mayor David Miller, Toronto
Mayor Gary Becker, Racine
Mayor Herb Bergson, Duluth
Mayor Timothy Rigby, St. Catharines
Mayor Jerry Irby, Marquette
Mayor Scott King, Gary
Mayor Terry Geddes, Collingwood
Mayor John Piskura, Sheffield Lake

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed an executive order on May 18, 2004, establishing a "Great Lakes Interagency Task Force and Promotion of a regional Collaboration of National Significance for the Great Lakes," and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration convened in Chicago, Illinois, on December 3, 2004, with over 400 people, including two cabinet members, representatives of 10 Federal agencies, 5 governors, 11 mayors, 17 tribal leaders, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, now known as the Executive Committee, includes representatives from Federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as Congress, and

WHEREAS, local governments have been represented by Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago as Chairman of the Great Lakes Cities Initiative on the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee and its support team have been working closely with eight strategy teams to develop an action plan for the Great Lakes for almost six months, and

WHEREAS, there are many representatives of local government working on the strategy teams, including the co-chairs of three of the teams, and

WHEREAS, several Canadian officials are observers to the process, and

WHEREAS, the new Great Lakes action plan is on schedule for release to the public in draft form on July 7, 2005, and final on December 12, 2005,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that representatives of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative continue their strong commitment to the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Richard M. Daley and his representatives on the Executive Committee continue to play a strong leadership role in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration process, and

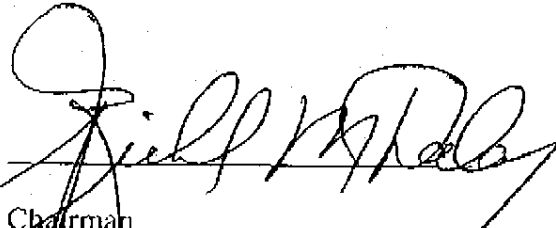
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the local government representatives involved in the process focus on tangible actions that can lead to real protection and restoration progress on the Great Lakes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the local government representatives work toward full and timely implementation of the action plan upon its completion, and

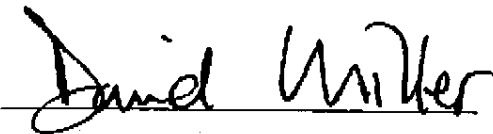
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local government representatives work to ensure that the elements of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration action plan are fully integrated with efforts by Canadian cities on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that as the action plan is implemented, local governments report to their citizens on the progress being made on the Great Lakes toward more protection and restoration.

Signed this 26th day of May, 2005, in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.



Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
Initiative



Vice Chairman
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