

RESOLUTION # 5

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

GREAT LAKES CHARTER ANNEX 2001

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**, the Council of Great Lakes Governors signed Annex 2001 on June 18, 2001, an amendment to its Charter of 1985, as part of its ongoing process to create a stronger regional water management system for the use and enjoyment of future generations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Great Lakes Governors has conducted extensive outreach and consultation over the past four years as part of the process to develop a water management system, and

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors and the Great Lakes Cities Initiative have participated in that consultation process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Great Lakes Governors released a draft Agreement and Compact as part of the Annex 2001 process on July 19, 2004, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Great Lakes Governors received over 10, 000 comments, including comments from the Great Lakes Cities Initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Great Lakes Governors is expected to release a new proposal for water management on the Great Lakes in the very near future, and

**WHEREAS**, protection of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are of the utmost importance to cities throughout the basin as a drinking water supply and many quality of life and economic purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the cities want to work with the governors to ensure the most effective water management system is put in place for the long term protection of the resource and well being of the people in the region,

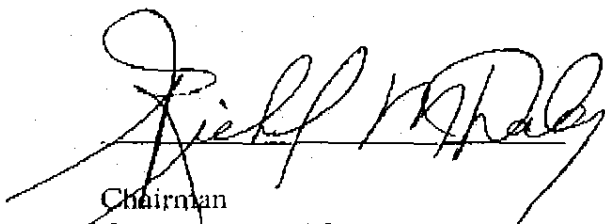
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commends the Council of Great Lakes governors for the excellent work done so far in developing a water management system for the Great Lakes, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commends all those from agriculture, environmental groups, industry, tribes, first nations, and others who have participated in the process to bring it to the current point, and

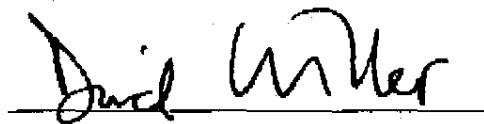
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages the Council of Great Lakes Governors to adopt a water management system that will:

1. Ensure the long term integrity of the resource;
2. Prohibit any new diversion that would pose a threat to the resource;
3. Maintain a minimum water level so as to keep the water treatment plant operational in the City of Montreal;
4. Require comprehensive water conservation programs by new and existing users;
5. Provide for resource improvement projects by water users that will improve and restore the resource in the future.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.



Chairman  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities  
Initiative



Vice Chairman  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities  
Initiative