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 26th 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