

RESOLUTION # 6

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

GREAT LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

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 Great Lakes serve as tremendous natural resource for the cities, states, provinces, first nations, tribes, and nations that border these waters and are part of their basin, and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, the waters of the Great Lakes have provided a homeland, abundant fresh drinking water, food, transportation, water for industry and agriculture, water as a key element in a very large and complex ecosystem, and water that has contributed to an overall high quality of life, and

WHEREAS, many activities related to increased population, development, industrialization, and expanded agriculture in the basin over the past 100 years, in particular, have lead to extensive contamination and serious degradation of the resource, and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made in addressing these problems over the past 30 years by reducing releases of pollutants into the waters, cleaning up contamination in the waters, controlling some of the invasive species, and restoring some of the degraded shoreline, and

WHEREAS, extensive work remains to be done by cities, states, provinces, first nations, tribes, countries, industry, agriculture, environmental organizations, and other groups before fully effective protection and sound restoration of the resource will be achieved, and

WHEREAS, this protection and restoration is essential from a local, regional, national, and international perspective, and

WHEREAS, substantial funding from all sectors will be required to carry out the actions required to bring about the protection and restoration that is needed, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, is considering Great Lakes restoration legislation in the form of Senate Bill 508 and House Bill 792, and

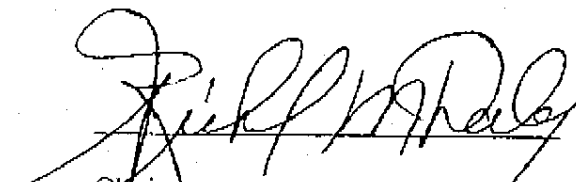
WHEREAS, passage of this legislation would provide significant funding for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work with the US Congress to seek passage of this important legislation, and

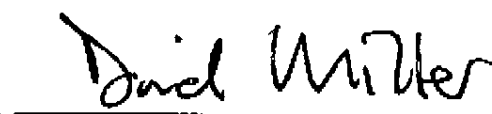
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work with their fellow mayors and their citizens to inform them of the importance of the Great Lakes, the threats to the resource, and the importance of restoration legislation

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage of such legislation, Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work with all orders of government and interested parties to ensure that funds are invested wisely and effectively to bring about the greatest protection and restoration for the resource.

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



Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
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