

RESOLUTIONS OF
MEMBERS OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE MAYORS
AND
GREAT LAKES CITIES INITIATIVE
TO BECOME
GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE /
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

PRESENTED BY: Mayor Jean-Paul L'Allier, Quebec City
Mayor Richard M. Daley, Chicago
Mayor David Miller, Toronto
Mayor Timothy Rigby, St. Catharines
Mayor Gary Becker, Racine
Mayor Denis LaPointe, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield
Mayor Scott King, Gary
Mayor Terry Geddes, Collingwood

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River are resources of tremendous value to cities and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River have been threatened by a wide variety of problems over the years; and

WHEREAS, progress has been made on solving some of the problems, but much work remains to be done in the future; and

WHEREAS, cities are critically important to the problem-solving process to protect and restore the resource in the future, and must show strong leadership in this effort;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors has been operating since 1992 to advance the interests of cities in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence matters; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Cities Initiative has been operating since 2003 to advance the interests of cities in Great Lakes matters; and

WHEREAS, both organizations passed resolutions in July 2004 creating a committee to explore further collaboration and possible merger; and

WHEREAS, a committee of U.S. and Canadian mayors met several times over the fall and winter and developed recommendations for combining the activities of the two organizations and related other details in a business plan; and

WHEREAS, these two organizations wish to combine their efforts into one for a stronger and more effective voice for cities in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence matters;

A. COMBINING TWO ORGANIZATIONS; APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS

RESOLVED, that the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors and the Great Lakes Cities Initiative hereby combine their activities and efforts in a new organization called the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, or Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent in French, incorporated both in the United States and Canada (collectively, the "Corporation"), and of which the undersigned are already members.

RESOLVED, that the by-laws for the Corporation presented to these members, be, and hereby are, approved and adopted.

B. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

TRANSFER OF JOYCE FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS AND ENTITLEMENT

WHEREAS, The Joyce Foundation (the "Foundation") has previously made a grant of funds to the Northeast-Midwest Institute (the "Institute"), denominated as Grant ID 27262, to continue to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes through the Great Lakes Cities Initiative, and the United States corporation desires that any such disbursed funds, to the extent not yet expended by the Institute or not specifically designated for the Institute, and any rights to additional grant funds from the Foundation, whether or not denominated as part of such Grant, be transferred to the United States corporation, in each case subject to any restrictions thereon, and any obligations with respect thereto, as described in that certain letter dated August 16, 2004 from the Foundation to David Ullrich of the Institute.

RESOLVED, that such transfer is hereby approved, and each of the officers of the United States corporation be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver to the Foundation, the Institute or other parties such agreements, instruments, certificates and other documents as may be necessary or effective to effect such transfer, including but not limited to such of the foregoing as the Foundation or the Institute may reasonably request.

RESIGNATION OF PRIOR BOARD; RATIFICATION OF ACTS

WHEREAS, resignations of each of the directors, Rita R. Athas, A. Joseph Deal, and David A. Ullrich, have been received by the Corporation;

RESOLVED, that such resignations are hereby accepted and the actions of the prior Board of Directors of the Corporation are hereby ratified, adopted and approved in all respects, and such actions shall be binding upon the Corporation to the same extent as if authorized by this resolution.

GENERAL

RESOLVED, that each of the members of the Corporation does hereby waive any notice required by the Corporation's By-laws or applicable law with respect to this meeting of members of the Corporation, and that the officers of the Corporation are, and each of them is, hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute, deliver, file, acknowledge and record any and all such documents and instruments, and to take or cause to be done any and all such other things as they, or any of them, may deem necessary or desirable to effectuate and carry out the resolutions adopted hereby, and to the extent that officers or agents of the Corporation have previously taken any such actions in furtherance of these resolutions, such actions are hereby ratified, adopted and approved in all respects, and such actions shall be binding upon the Corporation to the same extent as if authorized by this resolution.

C. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, APPROVAL OF OFFICERS AND OFFICES

RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby nominated and elected by the members to serve as directors and officers of the Corporation until the next regular annual meeting of the members or until his or her respective successors are chosen:

Richard M. Daley, Mayor
City of Chicago
Chairman and Director

David Miller, Mayor
City of Toronto
Vice Chairman and Director

Gary Becker, Mayor
City of Racine
Secretary and Director

Jean-Paul L'Allier, Mayor
City of Quebec City
Immediate Past President and Director

Herb Bergson, Mayor
City of Duluth
Director, Upper Lakes

Gerald Tremblay, Mayor
City of Montreal
Director, St. Lawrence/Quebec

Jack Ford, Mayor
City of Toledo
Director, Lower Lakes

Timothy Rigby, Mayor
City of St. Catharines
Director, Great Lakes/Ontario

Scott L. King, Mayor
City of Gary
Director

Terry Geddes, Mayor
City of Collingwood
Treasurer and Director

Richard Filippi, Mayor
City of Erie
Director

Lynn Peterson, Mayor
City of Thunder Bay
Director

William A. Johnson, Jr.
City of Rochester
Director

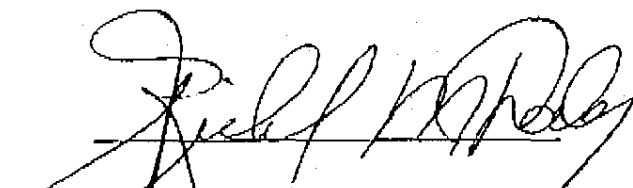
Eddie Frances, Mayor
City of Windsor
Director

Jerry Irby, Mayor
City of Marquette
Director

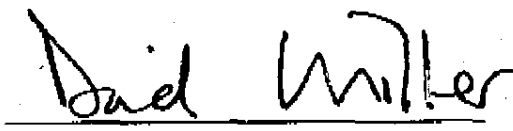
Denis Lapointe, Mayor
City of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield
Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the home office of the new organization be in Chicago, Illinois, and the Canadian Secretariat in Toronto, Ontario, with an office also in Quebec City, as funding permits.

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



Richard M. Daley, Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
Initiative



David Miller, Vice Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
Initiative

RESOLUTION # 1

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT
PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

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
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Mayor John Piskura, Sheffield Lake

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; and

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; and

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 and Canada face the same or similar damage and threats from aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, local governments can and have taken steps aimed at 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 effective control and prevent aquatic invasive species; and

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

WHEREAS, many organizations, state and local governments, and businesses in the U.S. and Canada agree that 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; and

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

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative recognizes that issues related to aquatic invasive species are urgent and that time is of the essence with respect to protecting the Great Lakes and other U.S. and Canadian 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; and

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; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourage implementation of the *Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Canada* and its associated *Canadian Action Plan to Address the Threat of Aquatic Invasive Species*.

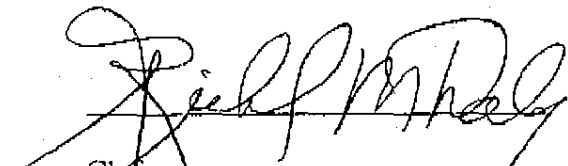
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourage opportunities for collaboration between governments, including

municipalities, and stakeholders on priority issues in implementing the Strategy and the Action Plan for AIS.

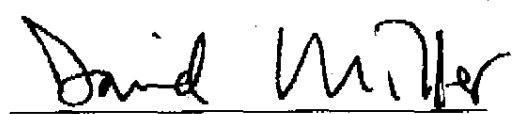
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourage discussions between Canada and the U.S. National Invasive Species Council to identify shared priorities to strengthen measures to prevent AIS and other invaders.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Parliament enact \$85 million over five years for an Invasive Alien Species Strategy called for in the Canadian Federal Budget 2005 that will focus on preventative measures for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species, including an incremental \$2 million per year over the next five years for the Sea Lamprey Control Program to control the presence of those invasive alien species in the Great Lakes.

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

RESOLUTION # 2
GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

REDUCING COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

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, one of the most pressing and most serious issues facing the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region today is combined sewer overflows whereby raw sewage is dumped into waterways during significant storm events; and

WHEREAS, combined sewer overflows may contribute to a range of problems in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence, including beach closures, risks to public health, water quality degradation and increased water treatment costs, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that more than 150 municipalities or sewer districts with combined sewer systems operate on the Great Lakes or on waterways tributary to the Great Lakes, all of which are subject to overflows during significant storm events; and

WHEREAS, there is a well-recognized need for substantial federal investment in water infrastructure upgrades to improve wastewater and storm water systems so as to help reduce the possibility of future combined sewer overflows during significant storm events; and

WHEREAS, despite the problems caused by combined sewer overflows and the recognized need for infrastructure upgrades to help address this issue, next year's proposed Federal budget in the United States would reduce funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund by \$600 million nationally and by approximately \$200 million in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the proposed federal funding cuts, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a federal policy that would allow for "blending" of wastewater during significant storm events, whereby the release of partially treated and partially untreated wastewater into waterways would be permitted under federal law; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns around the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence have been working to develop innovative, alternative methods for managing storm water, including green infrastructure alternatives such as roof gardens, rain gardens, permeable paving surfaces, reuse of storm water, and water efficient site design, in an effort to reduce the amount of water going into the sewer

system, supplement traditional infrastructure, and help reduce the occurrences or volume of combined sewer overflows;

WHEREAS, cities and towns around the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence are very concerned that the proposed federal funding cuts for wastewater infrastructure upgrades and the proposed "blending" policy will serve to undermine ongoing efforts to improve water quality and to prevent future overflows during significant storm events; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the U.S. Congress to fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund at \$1.35 billion for federal fiscal year 2006, and urges the U.S. Congress to increase the authorization for the fund over and above \$1.35 billion for future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to remain committed to the principles of the Clean Water Act by not relaxing discharge standards that would allow "blending" and release of partially treated wastewater into our waterways, and the Initiative will take actions and support efforts to encourage the USEPA to so act; and

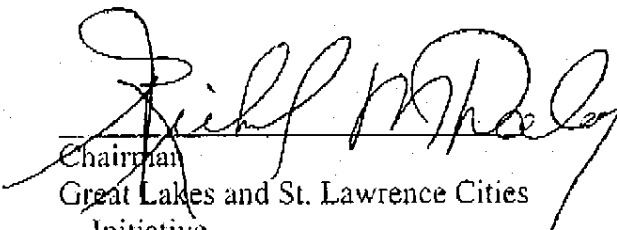
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the U.S. Congress to provide federal funding to help cities implement alternative storm water management techniques that help reduce pressure on combined sewer systems and therefore mitigate the chances for combined sewer overflows; and

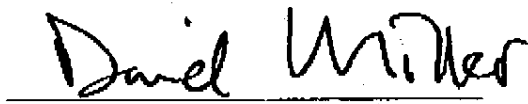
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the cities and towns of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region to explore and share best management practices for addressing storm water management and will work during the upcoming year to ensure that such actions occur.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative supports the efforts by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment in developing a Canada-wide strategy for municipal wastewater management by November 2006.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages funding in support of environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects through the New Deal for Cities and federal government funding to municipal infrastructure renewal through Infrastructure Canada.

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

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
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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

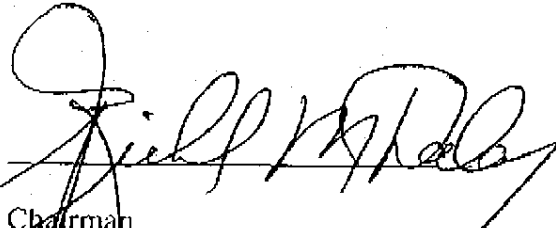
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the local government representatives involved in the process focus on tangible actions that can lead to real protection and restoration progress on the Great Lakes, and

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

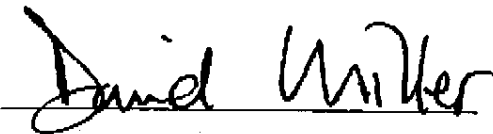
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local government representatives work to ensure that the elements of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration action plan are fully integrated with efforts by Canadian cities on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and

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
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
Initiative

RESOLUTION # 4

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

SWIMMING BANS

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
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Mayor John Piskura, Sheffield Lake

WHEREAS, annually over 60 million people visit more than 1,000 beaches, 98 state parks, 39 provincial parks, and 12 national parks on the United States and Canadian Great Lakes shores; and

WHEREAS, lakefront tourism is critical to local and regional economies all around the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence; and

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

WHEREAS, the number of incidents of Great Lakes swimming bans due to high bacteria levels has been increasing dramatically; and

WHEREAS, the sources of bacteria that cause swimming bans are numerous, discreet, and often unknown; and

WHEREAS, the current approved method for testing bacteria does not provide results in a timely manner (thus limiting the actual public health protection benefit of beach testing) and is antiquated with respect to the capacity of new technology; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable debate and ongoing research into the correlation between the current recommended standard for issuing a swimming ban and public health risk; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to explore new indicators, beyond e. coli and fecal coliform, that may more accurately detect the presence of harmful bacteria in waterways, and thus more effectively protect public health.

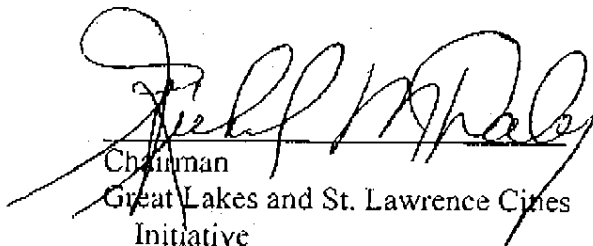
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the Federal governments of the U.S. and Canada to assist local, state and provincial governments in determining the sources of bacteria in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in its ongoing effort to investigate the correlation between the level of e.coli bacteria in the water and incidences of illness and encourages EPA to act swiftly to conclude that investigation. This study will help determine if the current standard and indicators used for banning swimming at beaches accurately reflects the risk to the public; and

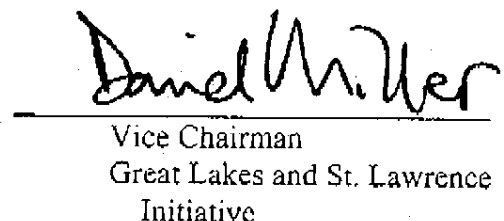
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the Federal governments of the U.S. and Canada to approve rapid testing technology in order to provide information about the status of swimming bans in a more timely manner that is consistent with protecting public health; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages all local leaders to continue to evaluate innovative approaches to beach management and share this information among other officials at all levels of government.

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
Initiative

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
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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,

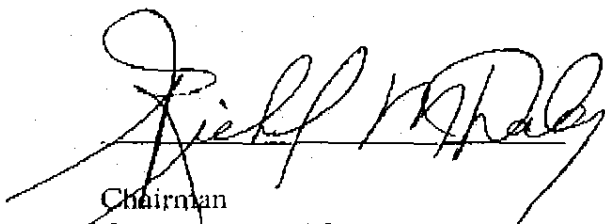
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commends the Council of Great Lakes governors for the excellent work done so far in developing a water management system for the Great Lakes, and

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

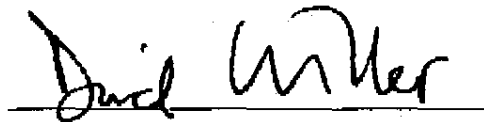
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages the Council of Great Lakes Governors to adopt a water management system that will:

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

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
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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

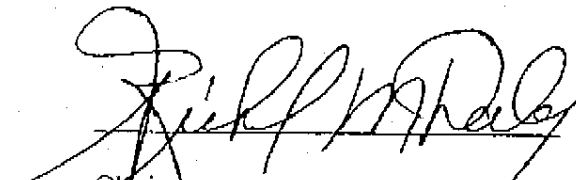
WHEREAS, passage of this legislation would provide significant funding for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes,

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

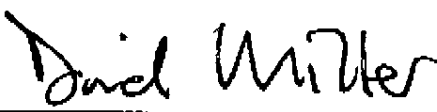
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work with their fellow mayors and their citizens to inform them of the importance of the Great Lakes, the threats to the resource, and the importance of restoration legislation

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.



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RESOLUTION # 7

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT
REDUCING MERCURY CONTAMINATION IN THE GREAT LAKES

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, one of the most significant impairments to the quality of Great Lakes waters has been shown to be mercury contamination; and

WHEREAS, high levels of mercury contamination found in the Great Lakes are the indisputable cause for increasing numbers of health-based fish consumption advisories throughout the Great Lakes region; and

WHEREAS, mercury contamination is a documented neurotoxin, and ingestion of mercury-contaminated fish tissue has been shown to result in significant health risks, particularly for women of child-bearing age and children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's own analysis concluded that 16% of babies born in the United States this year could have mercury blood levels at or above the unsafe levels as a result of pregnant women ingesting fish from mercury-contaminated waters; and

WHEREAS, according to the EPA, coal-fired power plants in the United States currently account for 48 tons, or 40%, of mercury emissions each year; and

WHEREAS, the EPA recently adopted the first-ever federal regulations requiring coal-fired power plants to reduce the nationwide level of mercury emissions from power plants by 69%; and

WHEREAS, the new mercury regulations allow the power plant industry until 2018 or later to achieve that reduction; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the regulations do not require mercury reductions from every individual power plant, but rather, they establish a "cap-and-trade" system whereby individual power plants choose for themselves whether to over comply with the mercury regulations and "sell" the excess rights to emit mercury to other power plants, or under comply with the regulations and "buy" the excess rights to emit mercury from over compliant plants; and

WHEREAS, some mayors of cities and towns in the Great Lakes region have previously expressed concerns that mercury reductions under EPA's regulations will occur too far in the future and that the "cap and trade" system for achieving mercury reductions may not benefit, and could even be detrimental to, the Great Lakes because it could ultimately allow power plants in that region to increase mercury emissions;

WHEREAS, there are currently Canada-wide Standards for mercury established by the cooperation of federal, provincial and territorial governments under the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME).

WHEREAS, Canada-wide standards have been developed for several significant mercury-emitting sectors, and for select products containing mercury. These include standards for mercury emissions from base metal smelters and incinerators, and for mercury-containing lamps and mercury from dental amalgam wastes, but not for power plants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commends the U.S. EPA for adopting the first-ever mercury standards for coal-fired power plants, the Initiative continues to have strong concerns about adverse impacts to the Great Lakes and human health that could result from the protracted deadlines and the "cap and trade" method of compliance set forth in the regulations; and

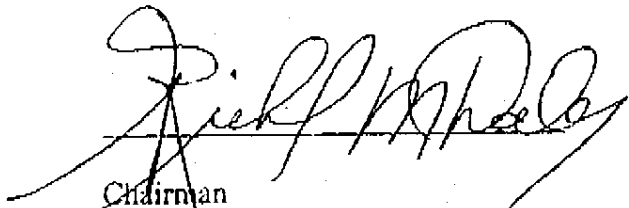
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will continue to advocate for federal legislative proposals that would impose more stringent mercury standards sooner than EPA's current regulations, and that would impose requirements on every individual power plant to reduce its mercury emissions as a replacement for the current "cap and trade" system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the absence of strong federal legislation and for the benefit of human health and the protection of the Great Lakes, the individual mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will work with their respective state and provincial governments and work within their own municipalities on efforts to achieve mercury reductions from power plants and from other significant sources of mercury contamination.

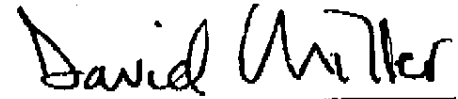
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourage the development of a Canada-wide Standard for mercury emissions from coal-

fired electric power generation, which is currently under development by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

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RESOLUTION # 8

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

DEVILS LAKE DIVERSION

PRESENTED BY: Mayor Timothy Rigby, St. Catharines

SECONDED BY: Mayor David Miller, Toronto
Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago
Mayor Eddie Frances, Windsor

WHEREAS, the informed use, management and protection of water resources is a high priority to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and the International Joint Commission have guided the United States and Canada in the management of shared waters for nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is constructing, without an environmental assessment and without any safeguards, a Devils Lake outlet that would divert water from Devils Lake into the Sheyenne River and ultimately into Canadian waters; and

WHEREAS, many people in the United States and Canada have expressed concern with the impact of the Devils Lake outlet on downstream waters including prospective water pollution and the transfer of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative believes that that an understanding of the environmental and economic implications of any trans boundary diversion is essential; and

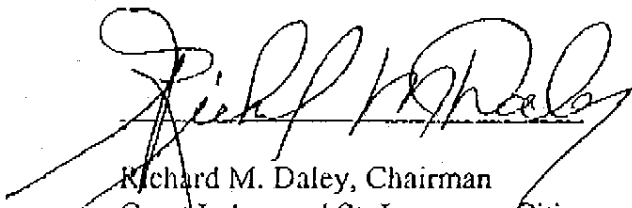
WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is concerned that the process to date has not respected the authority of the Boundary Waters Treaty and consequently, has threatened the stature of the Boundary Waters Treaty and the International Joint Commission, sets a bad precedent for dealing with similar issues on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and compromises U.S.- Canada relations; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities initiative believes that it is essential that the environmental and economic impacts of the Devils Lake project be conducted in the spirit of binational cooperation and in thorough and objective manner by a credible party; and

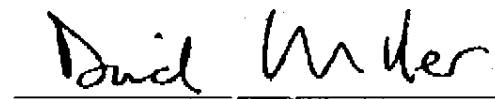
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urge the U.S. Secretary of State and the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs to refer the Devils Lake outlet matter to the International Joint Commission to undertake a credible and objective assessment of the environmental impacts of this trans boundary water diversion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will write to and urge the U.S. Secretary of State and to ensure that the Devils Lake outlet does not operate until the International Joint Commission has completed its assessment and governments in Canada and the United States have had an opportunity to review their recommendations.

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Richard M. Daley, Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
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David Miller, Vice Chairman
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities
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RESOLUTION # 9

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

LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF CITIES ON WATER ISSUES

PRESENTED BY: Gerard Tremblay, Mayor
City of Montreal

Proposition de la Ville de Montréal

Attendu que la nouvelle organisation issue de la fusion se donne un mandat de sensibilisation des populations, d'éducation des citoyens et d'identification des meilleurs pratiques;

Attendu que la Ville de Montréal reconnaît l'importance de partager l'expertise acquise au fil des ans par une multitude d'intervenants et d'organisations en relation avec la ressource EAU;

Attendu que la Ville de Montréal participe très activement à plusieurs organisations internationales, notamment Cités et gouvernements locaux unis (CGLU), l'Association internationale des maires francophones (AIMF), Métropolis (un forum international pour la recherche et le développement de politiques sur les migrations, la diversité et les villes en évolution) et au sein de laquelle, la Ville de Montréal, par le biais de son maire, agit à titre de vice-président exécutif, trésorier et vice-président de la Commission de l'eau.

Il est proposé :

- Que la nouvelle organisation, résultant de la fusion de l'Association internationale des maires des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent ainsi que Great Lakes Cities Initiative, inclue à sa mission, le développement d'une stratégie afin de créer des maillages avec les associations internationales de villes sur la problématique de l'eau.

Proposition of the City of Montréal

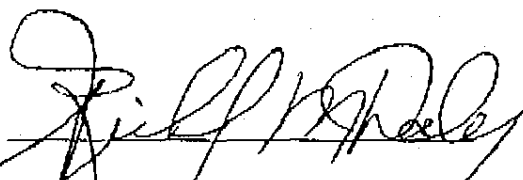
WHEREAS the new organization resulting from the merger has adopted a mandate of increasing public awareness, educating citizens and identifying best practices;

WHEREAS the City of Montréal recognizes the importance of sharing the expertise acquired over the years by numerous stakeholders and organizations in connection with the WATER resource;

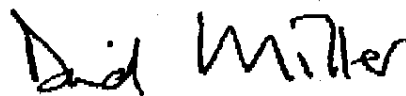
WHEREAS the City of Montréal is an active participant in many international organizations, including United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Association internationale des maires francophones (AIMF), Metropolis (an international forum for research and policy on migrations, diversity and changing cities) in which the City of Montréal, through its mayor, is acting as Executive Vice-President, Treasurer and Vice-President of the Water Management Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the new organization resulting from the merger of the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors and Great Lakes Cities Initiative include in its mission the development of a strategy to create links with international associations of cities on the issue of water

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RESOLUTION # 10

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

ST CLAIR RIVER CHANNEL EROSION ISSUE AND ITS INFLUENCE
ON LEVELS OF LAKES HURON AND MICHIGAN

Presented by **Peter Ketchum**, Reeve Township of The Archipelago, Ontario

WHEREAS Lakes Superior, Erie, and Ontario have mechanisms in place to control water levels, while Lakes Huron/Michigan/Georgian Bay (the Middle Lakes) have none; and

WHEREAS research by an internationally respected group of scientists has recently shown that much more than the historically natural flow of water is leaving Lake Huron through the St. Clair River; and

WHEREAS this research has also shown that the major causes of the excessive flow are anthropogenic; namely, dredging in the St. Clair River, shoreline alterations of Lake Huron near the entrance of said river, and the creation of a new channel—thereby eliminating a natural sand and gravel barrier; and

WHEREAS the increased speed of this water flow continues to scour the river bed, thereby constantly increasing the rate of flow, and is resulting in a permanent diversion from the Middle Lakes of 845 million gallons per day; and

WHEREAS there are already negative economic impacts, and the ultimate result of this water loss and lowering of lake levels will be disastrous for the shipping industry in the Middle Lakes and for the viability of tourist-related operations; and

WHEREAS the negative ecological impacts manifested in disappearing wetlands are already seriously reducing the spawning grounds of several game fish; and

WHEREAS the International Joint Commission (IJC) and key U.S. politicians have already made important recommendations for actions to mitigate this problem;

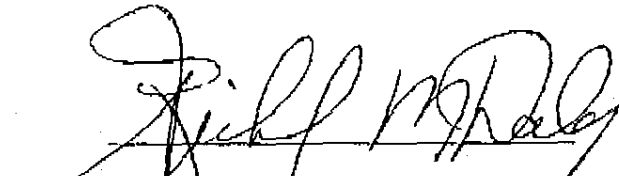
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative endorse the IJC recommendation for a new Phase 1 that will include the St Clair River Study in the Upper Great Lakes Plan of Study. This study will include an examination of the St Clair River Channel erosion issue and its influence on water levels of Lake Huron and Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative support the US Congress Draft 2005 U.S. Water Resources Development Act Amendment that calls for the immediate funding of 2.5 million dollars to be dedicated to carrying out the St Clair River Study in Phase 1 as recommended by the IJC; and

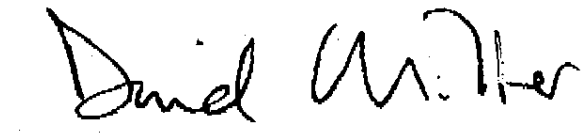
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will advocate the Government of Canada to commit, immediately, the funds necessary for the inclusion of the St Clair River Study in Phase 1 as recommended by the IJC; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urge that both Governments accept the Upper Great Lakes Plan of Study—Phase 1, in the spirit of the Boundary Waters Treaty, and urge further that both Governments understand their obligations to provide the necessary funds to move forward quickly on the Best Mitigation Determination Recommendations.

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