



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

RESOLUTION 13 – 2008M

SUPPORTING THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S BID FOR THE
2016 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee as the U.S. Applicant City for the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

WHEREAS, in June 2008 the International Olympic Committee named Chicago as one of four global Candidate Cities, moving the City into the final round of competition for the 2016 Games; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region is a dynamic, bi-national area surrounding one of the world's greatest natural resources and the City of Chicago is just one of the many municipalities throughout the region that is eager and anxious to serve the Olympic Movement by embracing and celebrating the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games will allow mayors from the U.S. and Canada to showcase the region to the international community and highlight the natural beauty and significance of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the Games will not only attract hundreds of thousands of visitors but also place our region – through the media – in the homes of millions of people all around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Games present the opportunity for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region to portray itself as it truly is: a place where people from different backgrounds, nationalities, and ethnicities can come together to pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is working to set higher standards for green building and sustainable development and the plan for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games will showcase the best of sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games would attract new visitors from around the globe, generate international goodwill, and create new businesses and jobs for the hard-working people of our city and region; and



WHEREAS, the Games will provide a catalyst for the type of re-investment in the region that is crucial to its continued vitality and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative supports the City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as they compete for the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and its member municipalities pledge their assistance to enhance the efforts of the City and Chicago 2016 however they are able.

Signed this 17th day of July, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson", is written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Peterson, Chair
Mayor of Thunder Bay
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative