



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

RESOLUTION 18– 2009M

SUPPORT OF GREAT LAKES RENEWABLE ENERGY EXPLORATION
Submitted by City of Grand Rapids

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River support vibrant and economically important regions for the United States, Canada, and the world for transportation, fishing, recreation, agriculture and manufacturing, all requiring energy in various forms; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin ecology is impacted daily from the use of water, air, and land for the provision of energy from multiple electrical generating stations situated around the basin in close proximity to necessary water; and

WHEREAS, nuclear fuels and other fossil-fuel waste products are emitted, transported and stored throughout the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin from certain energy generating stations utilizing nuclear and fossil-fuel technologies; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy production in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence watersheds can replace existing fossil-fuel and nuclear based technologies that currently contribute some of the ecological impact and risk to future generations and should be encouraged and supported by governments within the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is already active on behalf of its member municipalities in the area of renewable energy advocacy such as with the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative, a group established to build consensus on identifying and addressing issues affecting the planning, development, and operation of wind power facilities within the region, to ensure local issues and concerns as well as support for wind development are voiced and addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members support continued evaluation of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region for potential renewable sources of energy supplied by wind, waves, sun, and temperature that are expected to provide cleaner sources of energy, lower green house gas emissions, future employment opportunities, and continued economic vitality for the U.S., Canada, and other citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative member cities will educate, collaborate, and encourage future development of these resources in their communities to help establish improved energy technologies for future generations; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative encourages the further involvement of local government in renewable energy discussions to ensure renewable energy solutions that affect local communities are appropriate, beneficial and generally supported by the community.

Signed this 18th day of June, 2009

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

George Heartwell, Chair
Mayor of Grand Rapids
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative