



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

**RESOLUTION 17 -2010M**

**Québec City's Bid for Universal Forum on Cultures 2016**  
**Submitted by the Metropolitan Community of Québec**

**WHEREAS**, Québec City submitted a bid, in December of 2009, to host the fifth edition of the Universal Forum of Cultures in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, Québec City was chosen as one of the three finalists for hosting this Forum in 2016, the other cities being Amman in Jordan and Cape Town in South Africa;

**WHEREAS**, Québec City has hosted prestigious events such as the Summit of La Francophonie in 2008 and the Summit of the Americas in 2001, therefore demonstrating that it has the expertise to successfully organize an international event;

**WHEREAS**, the theme proposed by Québec City, “The Culture of Water,” is one of the issues that matters the most to communities, whether at the local, regional or international level;

**WHEREAS**, water lies at the heart of the concerns of each of the member cities of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative;

**WHEREAS**, the choice of Québec City as the host of the Universal Forum of Cultures would result in the entire world paying even greater attention to water as a priority resource;

**WHEREAS**, the theme “The Culture of Water” will make it possible to effectively address the Universal Forum of Cultures’ three key topics: Cultural Diversity, Conditions for Peace and Sustainable Development;

**WHEREAS**, certain activities proposed by Québec City as part of its bid will enable those who live in cities along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to come together around the resource “water”;

**WHEREAS**, Québec City is one of the safest cities in North America;



**WHEREAS,** Québec City would be the first French-speaking city to host the Universal Forum of Cultures;

**WHEREAS,** the awarding of this event to Québec City would give the entire province the opportunity to receive international exposure.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative endorse Québec City in its bid to host the Universal Forum of Cultures in 2016 in a letter addressed to the mayor of Québec City, Mr. Régis Labeaume.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denis Lapointe", written in a cursive style.

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Denis Lapointe, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
Mayor of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield