



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

**RESOLUTION 7 – 2011M**

**PROTECTION OF DRINKING WATER INTAKES AND TRIBUTARIES**

*Submitted by the Metropolitan Community of Québec*

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence system supplies drinking water to close to 40 million citizens in the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, over 10% of the population of the United States (30 M inhabitants) and 30% of the population of Canada (10 M inhabitants) live within the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence system; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to representing a major source of drinking water, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin is used for swimming, recreation and fishing purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the municipalities located in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin to protect this water for the current good of their citizens and that of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs inherent in treating water are generally higher than those resulting from regulatory protection measures; and

**WHEREAS**, human actions and activities carried out in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin, and more specifically those carried out in the watersheds of drinking water intakes, can be detrimental to the quality of water in these systems; and

**WHEREAS**, some of these actions should be modified, monitored or prohibited, or be the subject of more in-depth studies in order to reduce the likelihood of contamination of the raw water flowing into the water intakes, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River; and

**WHEREAS**, national, provincial and state laws and regulations contribute to protecting sources of drinking water, but these laws and regulations are sometimes inadequate and not really adapted to certain local situations.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) urges its members to introduce any regulatory action necessary for protecting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River tributaries on their territories, and more specifically the tributaries where drinking water intakes are located; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cities Initiative disseminate all information likely to help its members implement appropriate measures for protecting watercourses, including through its website; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Cities Initiative adequately publicize the measures put in place to that effect by its various members.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian McMullan', written in a cursive style.

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Brian McMullan, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
Mayor of St. Catharines