



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

**RESOLUTION 6 – 2013M**

**SHORELINE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the freshwaters of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River are the primary source of drinking water, as well as water-based recreational activities, for the more than 40 million people that live predominantly in urban areas within the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting and improving the quality of shoreline infrastructure, notably those used for water treatment and disposal as well as for recreational, maritime and other economic uses, is vital to sustaining high quality of life in shoreline communities across the basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River are already feeling the effects of climate change, with severe storms, abnormally high tides and great variability of water levels cause uncommon erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, such changes have a significant impact on the state of the shores, affecting shoreline citizens' safety, shoreline access and economic development of shoreline municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, shoreline conditions are protected and improved through the completion of municipal infrastructure retrofits and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments are willing to do the necessary work, but lack sufficient funds required to not only improve shoreline infrastructure required to meet new challenges, but even to maintain its current state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Canadian government is commended for approving a 10 year, \$53.5 billion investment in municipal and provincial infrastructure, which will help municipalities address water and wastewater infrastructure needs, among other things.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on Federal, Provincial and State governments to improve their support to shoreline municipalities for all measures related to restoration, protection and enhancement of the shores; and



**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls for increased flexibility in the application of environmental and infrastructure-related regulations, in order to meet the diverse needs and objectives of shoreline communities.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Tom Barrett, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
Mayor of Milwaukee