



## RESOLUTION

Adopted September 20, 2017

# A Joint Action Plan for Clean Water Infrastructure and Services in the Great Lakes Region

**Whereas**, in late 2015 and 2016, the Great Lakes Commission adopted three resolutions calling for improved policies and programs related to water infrastructure and services; and

**Whereas**, in 2017, the Great Lakes Commission established a Clean Water Infrastructure and Services Working Group to advance shared objectives, needs and actions for improving and maintaining the region's water infrastructure and related services; and

**Whereas**, the Great Lakes Commission's Clean Water Infrastructure and Services Working Group has developed a *Joint Action Plan for Clean Water Infrastructure and Services in the Great Lakes Region* that identifies specific actions to achieve a sustainable infrastructure system by highlighting promising solutions and new approaches and partnerships that leverage existing roles and capacities at federal, state/provincial, and local levels to enhance the region's ability to provide clean safe water for drinking, recreating, and supporting economic activities; and

**Whereas**, the *Joint Action Plan* describes the Great Lakes region's water infrastructure crisis marked by a mounting backlog of water infrastructure maintenance and repair needs and an investment gap that hinders the region's ability to ensure that water is clean, safe, reliable, and affordable across every community in the Great Lakes region; and

**Whereas**, the *Joint Action Plan* also acknowledges that providing adequate resources to ensure clean and safe water is a shared responsibility among federal, state/provincial, and local/municipal levels of government.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Great Lakes Commission recognizes that citizens of the Great Lakes region and the governments that represent them share the collective goal of fostering a healthy and prosperous Great Lakes region that provides all its residents with affordable, clean, and safe water for drinking, recreating, and supporting economic activities; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Great Lakes Commission endorses the *Joint Action Plan* and agrees to consider and pursue the state and provincial actions therein, as resources allow, to help meet the region's water infrastructure needs.

**Be It Finally Resolved**, that the Great Lakes Commission calls on federal and municipal governments to consider and pursue the federal and municipal recommended actions in the *Joint Action Plan*.