



RESOLUTION
Adopted October 10, 2019

**Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of
Québec's and Ontario's Declaration of Partnership
with the Great Lakes Commission and the
Great Lakes Basin Compact**

Whereas, the Great Lakes Basin, including five Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, the St. Lawrence River, and the natural and man-made interconnections among them, contain one of the world's greatest freshwater resources; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Basin is a multi-jurisdictional, binational resource that compels cooperative stewardship to protect the health of the ecosystem, economy and communities that thrive in and around the Basin; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes states entered into a formal binational agreement under the Great Lakes Basin Compact of 1955 to work together to protect, restore and steward the Basin; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes States Compact envisions strong and equal participation from the Canadian provinces of Québec and Ontario, and provides an open invitation for the provinces and states to join in binational stewardship of the Great Lakes Basin; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Commission is the public agency established under the Compact for the purpose of helping the states and provinces to effectively implement the binational agreement and to accomplish the purposes of the Compact; and

Whereas, the Compact and the Commission have been established for 64 years; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Commission is a binational leader and a trusted voice ensuring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River support a healthy environment, a vibrant economy and a high quality of life for current and future generations; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Commission represents, advises and assists the party states and provinces by fostering dialogue, developing consensus, facilitating collaboration and speaking with a unified voice to advance collective interests and responsibilities to promote economic prosperity and environmental protection and to achieve a balanced and sustainable use of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin water resources; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Commissioners are appointed by the eight Great Lakes states the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec;

Whereas, the Great Lakes states and provinces remain committed to work together in binational cooperation under the terms of the Great Lakes Basin Compact;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Great Lakes Commission commends and celebrates 20 years of outstanding cooperation, work and achievement in support of Québec's participation in the Great Lakes Commission; and

*Adopted at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes Commission, October 9-11, Québec City, Québec.
The resolution was adopted unanimously.*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the Great Lakes Commission commends and celebrates 20 years of outstanding cooperation, work and achievement in support of Ontario's participation in the Great Lakes Commission; and

Therefore, Be It Finally Resolved, that the Great Lakes Commission members recognize, celebrate and commit to continuing their work together to accomplish the purposes of the Great Lakes Basin Compact.