

DRAFT RESOLUTION
GREAT LAKES CIRCLE TOUR

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are a world-class natural and scenic resource; and

WHEREAS, the travel/tourism sector in Ontario, Quebec and the Great Lakes states is growing in terms of economic impact and related employment; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation in the Great Lakes region has a strong water-based activity component; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes with their adjacent or nearby roadways and large number of interesting coastal communities are conducive to vehicle touring and a quality leisure experience; and

WHEREAS, several scenic highways and individual Great Lakes "circle tour" or designated route systems have already been established by provincial and state governments; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Commission has proposed to expand the circle tour concept to include the entire Great Lakes system along with a segment of the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Commission has established a Circle Tour Task Force to explore the feasibility of the systemwide concept and to develop an implementation strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayors assembled for the Third Annual International Great Lakes St. Lawrence Mayors' Conference enthusiastically support the establishment of a Great Lakes Circle Tour designated route system.

Adopted by the International Great Lakes St. Lawrence Mayors' Conference, May 19, 1989.