

Resolution to Request the United States and Canadian Governments to Negotiate a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Biodiversity and Habitat Agreement

Whereas the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin ecosystem comprises important habitats with a unique biodiversity that provides biological resources for human uses; and

Whereas many indigenous species that comprise the biodiversity of the Great Lakes migrate across national and jurisdictional boundaries; and

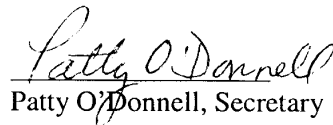
Whereas the introduction of species from outside the Great Lakes basin has threatened the existing indigenous biodiversity; and

Whereas this biodiversity is dependent on the continuity of the existence of these habitats; and

Whereas the destruction of habitat within one nation or jurisdiction can affect the biodiversity and biological resources in another nation or jurisdiction.

Therefore be it resolved that Great Lakes United request the United States and Canadian governments to negotiate a new agreement on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River biodiversity and habitat for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River ecosystem.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 10, 2001.


Patty O'Donnell, Secretary