

Resolution on Promoting Sustainable Food System Support

Whereas organic food, grown in ways that promote healthy soils, has higher nutritional value than conventionally grown food; and

Whereas locally sourced food is fresher, resulting in less loss of nutrients and flavor; and

Whereas locally sourced food has lower environmental costs in terms of fossil fuels used for transportation; and

Whereas smaller farms tend to be more flexible and hence better stewards of the land; and

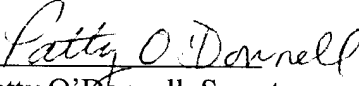
Whereas it has been shown that the viability of rural communities is closely tied to the existence of small farms and businesses.

Therefore, be it resolved that Great Lakes United, wherever possible, source food and farm products locally, with a preference for organically grown products.

Be it further resolved that Great Lakes United, wherever possible, sign on to sustainable food and food system policies.

Be it further resolved that Great Lakes United urge and support its network to do the same.

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