



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence
Legislative Caucus

**2018 Annual Meeting of the
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**

*Erie, Pennsylvania
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**Resolution of Support for Establishing a
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day**

- WHEREAS,** the Great Lakes – including Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and the St. Lawrence River – are a globally significant resource and ecosystem, hold 20 percent of the world’s surface freshwater, and provide drinking water to more than 48 million Americans and Canadians; and
- WHEREAS,** the ecosystem maintains support for the region’s top industries, including shipping, agriculture, technology, manufacturing, recreation and tourism. The Great Lakes represent a \$3 trillion economic powerhouse for the region; and
- WHEREAS,** exceptional habitat is provided through the waters and watershed for many species of native mammals, birds, amphibians, and fish; and
- WHEREAS,** the region is made up of many areas like parks, forests, beaches, and islands which provide recreational opportunities for swimming, hiking, picnics, boating, fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching; and
- WHEREAS,** people want to live, work, and play in regions with waters that are vibrant and beautiful. The region’s economy and environment rely on clean and healthy waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus supports the establishment of a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day in the states and provinces that share the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the GLLC will establish a task force for the purpose of drafting model legislation to assist members in their efforts to establish a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day.

Adopted on September 22, 2018.