



## **23-4: Resolution to Support the Establishment of Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day**

**WHEREAS,** the Great Lakes — Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario, 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 40 million people; and

**WHEREAS,** the ecosystem supports the region’s top industries, including shipping, agriculture, technology, manufacturing, and tourism; and

**WHEREAS,** exceptional habitat is provided through the waters and watershed for many species of native mammals, birds, amphibians, fish, and plant life; and

**WHEREAS,** the region is made up of many prized natural areas, like parks, forests, breaches, wetlands, and islands, which provide recreational opportunities for swimming, hiking, picnics, boating, fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus supports the establishment of a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day on September 7 in the states and provinces that share the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and be in further

**RESOLVED,** that the GLLC will work with members to draft and pass legislation to establish a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day in their respective states and provinces.