



## **24-1: Resolution on Enhanced Mechanisms for Tribal Nations and First Nations Participation in Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC)**

**WHEREAS,** the newly-updated Strategic Plan for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus for 2023-2027 calls for "...an approach to incorporate stakeholder groups, such as Indigenous representatives, into the work of the Caucus..."; and

**WHEREAS,** the GLLC is pursuing increased engagement with Indigenous nations in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin through regular and proactive communication and facilitating participation in meetings and task forces; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 Shared Great Lakes Priorities - endorsed by the GLLC, Great Lakes Commission, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition, American Great Lakes Ports Association, Great Lakes Business Network, and Lake Carriers' Association - calls for development of coordinated regional science plans for federal and regional agencies to ensure decisions are informed by the best available information, including traditional Indigenous knowledge; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** the GLLC undertake work to identify, develop, and implement enhanced mechanisms for the ongoing and consistent participation and partnerships with Tribal Nations and First Nations in Caucus initiatives starting with, but not limited to, those identified in the 2023 Shared Priorities Statement and Strategic Plan 2023-2027, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** the enhanced mechanisms for ongoing and consistent participation and partnerships with Tribal Nations and First Nations include discussions of expanding membership to interested elected officials from Tribal Nations and First Nations.