



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence  
Legislative Caucus

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Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**

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**Resolution of Support for Binational Efforts to  
Reduce Phosphorus Runoff**

- WHEREAS,** in the summer of 2014, the city of Toledo, Ohio, experienced a three-day ban on the use of drinking water due to the presence of algal blooms; and
- WHEREAS,** phosphorous runoff has been attributed to encouraging the growth of harmful algal blooms; and
- WHEREAS,** Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio have agreed to reduce phosphorous in the western basin of Lake Erie by 40 percent over the next 10 years and have set an interim goal of a 20-percent reduction in phosphorous by the year 2020; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus encourages support for the agreement reached between Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio regarding the reduction of phosphorous in the Lake Erie western basin; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate federal, state, and provincial officials.

*Approved on September 22, 2018.*



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