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.