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**Resolution in Support of Energy Trade  
and North American Energy Security**

- WHEREAS,** Canada and the United States are committed to achieving North American energy independence; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States and Canada are one another's largest suppliers of energy, with the most secure and interconnected energy relationship in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States and Canada enjoy an integrated and efficient energy system that allows for trade and provides fundamental support to all our economic sectors; and
- WHEREAS,** during their summit in February 2017, President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau agreed that the U.S. and Canada would continue to work together to reinforce an already robust and secure energy grid and energy infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 70 oil and natural gas pipelines, and over 30 electric transmission lines, cross the Canada-U.S. border, providing energy for homes, businesses and transportation, and supporting electricity system reliability; and
- WHEREAS,** while consumers and businesses can currently rely on the reliability of the grid, aging energy infrastructure and future demands mean that upgrades and enhancements are needed; and
- WHEREAS,** a robust, yet streamlined, process for siting and permitting is critical for evaluating and supporting energy projects; and
- WHEREAS,** as states and provinces, we are dedicated to energy development that enables each jurisdiction to develop energy policies and resources to create jobs, benefit their citizens and the environment, and promote energy security; and
- WHEREAS,** states and provinces have become the laboratories for the development and use of many new energy technologies, including, but not limited to, carbon capture and storage, hydro, wind, solar, geothermal and next-generation nuclear, and state and provincial officials have much to learn from one another about innovative policies that have been implemented to expand the use of these technologies; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Midwestern Legislative Conference supports improved North American energy infrastructure using a transparent and standardized approval process – reflecting open and competitive market principles – that is concluded in a timely manner and is treated consistently from project to project; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** as the U.S. and Canada enter a new round of trade negotiations, the MLC strongly supports an agreement that will defend our progress to date and, where possible, facilitate further trade and integration. The MLC will also work to promote state and provincial collaboration that supports regional integration and sharing of best practices to build a more robust energy system; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state, federal and provincial officials.

*Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 at the 72<sup>nd</sup> MLC Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa*