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Resolution # 1

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**RESOLUTION ON GREAT LAKES CITIES INTIATIVE AND
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT LAKES AND ST.
LAWRENCE MAYORS COLLABORATION**

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence are of tremendous significance to the quality of life and economic well being of the United States and Canadian citizens in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence basin; and

WHEREAS, mayors play a very important role in setting policy and implementing actions in fields like environmental protection and restoration, economic development, maritime activity, water quality, water levels, tourism, waterfront restoration; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors (IA) has worked since 1987 to advance the interests of cities and to meet on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Cities Initiative (GLCI) began operations in July of 2003 after a key meeting of Mayors called by Mayor Daley of Chicago in November of 2002; and has quickly become a major participant in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence issues, and

WHEREAS, both the GLCI and IA have become extensively involved in a large number of advocacy actions relating to promoting economic development and advancing protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the level of activity concerning the future of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence has increased significantly over the past several months; and

WHEREAS, it is even more important that mayors be in alignment with a clear message on the role and importance of cities in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence matters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the GLCI and IA commit to work together to advance environmental and economical matters for the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence as set up in the Salaberry-de-Valleyfield Protocol adopted by the Mayors of the IA in 2002 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayors of the GLCI and IA promptly establish a committee to explore how best to coordinate the work of the two organizations in the near term and consider options for the future, including bringing the two organizations together into one; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while this process is moving forward, mayors from both the GLCI and IA will speak out on key policies and coordinate their actions to the maximum extent possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the process, dues will be paid to the IA by those cities who choose to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee be composed of three US and three Canadian mayors, who also provide equal representation from GLCI and IA; and who will further select one US and one Canadian co-chair from the membership of the GLCI and IA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee be jointly staffed by the executive director of the GLCI and the secretariat of the IA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee give progress reports to the Chair of the GLCI , the President of the IA, the steering committee of GLCI, and the board of directors of the IA every three months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee give initial recommendations no later than February 1, 2005 and final recommendations no later than April 30, 2005; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the final recommendations be presented to the membership of the IA and GLCI for review, approval and action.

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