

October 6, 2025

**Advancing Regional Economic Cooperation and Innovation
in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Region**

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region, an economic powerhouse with a combined GDP of approximately \$9.3 trillion (us), ranks as the third-largest economy in the world and serves as a vital trading hub for North America and the global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the economic interests of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence States and Provinces are deeply interconnected through more than \$290 billion (us) in annual cross-border trade, and this high level of regional economic integration drives innovation, enhances supply chain efficiency, and strengthens global competitiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the region's shared natural resources, integrated infrastructure, and world-class manufacturing position it as a global leader in advanced industries including automotive, aerospace, clean energy, life sciences, agri-food, digital technologies, and many others;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers reaffirm the importance of continued cross-border collaboration to enhance economic resilience, foster innovation, and improve the efficient movement of goods, services, capital, and labor throughout the region to benefit the 55 million workers, businesses, and communities across the region, through sustained and ongoing dialogue with one another;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers reaffirm the continuation and enhancement of the meetings of their international trade directors to promote economic and commercial integration by advancing the implementation of public policy instruments enabling rapprochements and joint private and public investments in strategic sectors, and reinforcing the strategic supply chains across the region;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers affirm their shared commitment to pragmatic solutions based on reducing any State and Provincial trade barriers.

Adopted by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers on this 6th day of October, 2025.