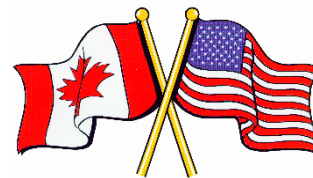




**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



**Resolution 24-02: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZING THE
GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE THROUGH THE
GLRI ACT OF 2024**

WHEREAS, in June 2015 the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission unanimously passed a resolution calling for permanent funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI);

WHEREAS, the 114th Congress and the President of the United States authorized the GLRI with broad, bipartisan support in 2010;

WHEREAS, the GLRI helps the United States honor its commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, stop the spread of carp and other invasive species, restore coastline and habitats connecting our streams and rivers, clean up environmentally damaged Areas of Concern and prevent future contamination;

WHEREAS, the GLRI has provided \$3.37 billion to fund 6,851 projects since its inception in 2010;

WHEREAS, The GLRI Act of 2024 will reauthorize the GLRI through 2031 and increase the program's annual funding levels from \$475 million in 2026 to \$500 million from 2027 through 2031.

WHEREAS, Members of the Great Lakes Task Force – led by Senators Debbie Stabenow and J.D. Vance in the Senate and Representatives David Joyce, Marcy Kaptur, Bill Huizenga, and Debbie Dingell in the House – introduced the bipartisan GLRI Act of 2024 on February 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, Support for this popular initiative includes both Democrats and Republicans. In the Senate, the bill is sponsored by Senators Debbie Stabenow, J.D. Vance, Amy Klobuchar, Todd Young, Gary Peters, Tammy Duckworth, Sherrod Brown, Tammy Baldwin, Dick Durbin, Kirsten Gillibrand, Tina Smith, John Fetterman, Chuck Schumer, and Bob Casey. House sponsors include Representatives David Joyce, Marcy Kaptur, Bill Huizenga, Debbie Dingell, Gwen Moore, Jack Bergman, John Moolenaar, Claudia Tenney, Bryan Steil, Haley Stevens, John James, Max Miller, Brad Schneider, Elissa Slotkin, Representative Lisa McClain, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Joseph Morelle, and Mike Quigley.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission call on Congress to reauthorize the GLRI for the next five years and increase the allocated funds to \$500 million annually by passing the GLRI Act of 2024.

Passed unanimously
U.S. and Canadian Committee of Advisors
June 5, 2023

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