

September 21, 2021

**Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers
Just Transition Coordination**

WHEREAS, the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers has sustained a long history of nonpartisan collaboration and cooperation to confront the region's most pressing environmental and economic issues; and,

WHEREAS, the regional economy, home to a diverse portfolio of energy sources and production facilities, is transitioning towards a clean energy future; and,

WHEREAS, throughout this transition, existing energy generation facilities, and communities that produce the fuels for conventional energy sources may face reduced use or closure; and,

WHEREAS, this transition will require sustained and concerted effort from every sector of the region's economy and must be done right to ensure that all workers, businesses, and communities can meet its challenges and reap its benefits in equitable measure; and,

WHEREAS the impact of this transition on communities in the region may create challenges associated with employment, public services, local finance, site remediation, and environmental justice, resulting in the need for forward thinking economic development to overcome these challenges; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these significant issues, these transitions also present significant opportunities for economic opportunity, climate action, and social repair; and,

WHEREAS, many of the communities hosting these facilities lack the resources to respond to these large scale disruptions and will need the assistance of state and federal resources to support replacement jobs, investments, and economic development opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, a collaborative approach is needed to assess opportunities and challenges associated with this transition; and,

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers recognize their duty and obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens within their respective jurisdictions throughout this transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers commit to: Identify the communities that may be impacted by changes to the mix of energy production in the region, and minimize to the extent practicable those impacts, including loss of employment, property tax revenues, and related community services;

- Engage those communities and displaced workers in discussion about opportunities for new development to offset losses of existing facilities;
- Identify and share information on models used across our jurisdictions and elsewhere that have successfully addressed large-scale disruptions;
- Connect and coordinate requests for resources across federal, State, Provincial and local government, private industry, and non-profit organizations that can benefit communities impacted by this transition.

Adopted by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers on this 21st day of September, 2021.