

A Resolution on the Elimination of Commercial Timber Extraction on Federal Lands

WHEREAS there is a need to restore and protect the biological diversity within the forested ecosystems of the Great Lakes basin and;

WHEREAS Federal Lands in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan constitute the greatest potential for restoring Great Lakes forest ecosystems within the basin and;

WHEREAS under current federal management practices and subsidies, federal land agency timber sales cost U.S. taxpayers one billion dollars or more per year and cause severe environmental damage, including loss of biodiversity, forest fires, erosion and excess sedimentation and;

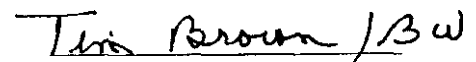
WHEREAS subsidized logging on federal lands creates an increased pressure on private lands to manage their forests unsustainably in order to remain competitive and;

WHEREAS thousands of logging and wood product jobs have been lost to timber production automation and the overseas shipping of raw lumber and;

WHEREAS recreation on federal lands creates 38.1 times the job opportunities that logging creates,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Great Lakes United supports prohibition of logging for the purpose of commercial timber extraction on federal lands, as the first step towards managing Great Lakes forested ecosystems sustainably.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 4, 2000.


Tim Brown, Secretary