

## **Resolution to Restore Native Fish to the Great Lakes**

WHEREAS fisheries biologists have found that introduced salmonids – steelhead, coho, brown trout, and others – negatively impact native species and;

WHEREAS introduced exotics are known to consume a major amount of the forage base in the Great Lakes often to the detriment of native species and;

WHEREAS restoration of some native game and non-game species is often a lower priority and;

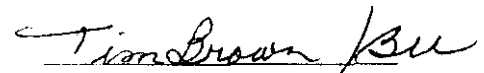
WHEREAS streams tributary to the Great Lakes are being permanently degraded and reconfigured through destruction of delta waterfalls and wetlands created by beaver dams to benefit upstream migration and breeding success of introduced non-native game fish and;

WHEREAS Great Lakes United has, as one of its goals, the restoration and rehabilitation of native game and non-game fish and;

WHEREAS the cost of rearing and stocking non-native salmonids (as much as \$720.00 per steelhead of keeper size for anglers in Minnesota) commands a disproportionate share of funding by state managed fishery operations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Great Lakes go on record in favor of an extensive program to bring native fish populations up to levels supportable by the forage base through restoration, and that further stocking of non-native fish species be annually reduced until final elimination of such stocking is achieved.

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