

RESOLUTION ON GENETIC ENGINEERING OF FOODS

WHEREAS Great Lakes United (GLU) promoted the protection and maintenance of natural ecosystems;

WHEREAS GLU campaigns against the production, use and release of persistent, toxic compounds;

WHEREAS genetically engineered (GE) organisms pose known and unknown environmental risks such as cross pollination, pesticide resistance, and adverse impacts on non-target species such as monarch butterflies;

WHEREAS GE have been permitted for production and use with no independent and long-term testing;

WHEREAS GE crops result in greater herbicide use;

WHEREAS once GE organisms escape into the natural environment they are impossible to control, contain or destroy;

WHEREAS approximately sixty percent of all processed food sold in Canada and the United States contains genetically modified ingredients;

WHEREAS GE food poses known and unknown human health risks such as allergies and antibiotic resistance ;

WHEREAS consumers have no right-to-know through product labeling;

WHEREAS GE crops make farmers less independent by increasing their reliance on corporate owned 'suicide seeds' or 'terminator technology';

WHEREAS food processors, buyers and retailers have gone GE-free in many European countries but practice double standards in the US or Canada;

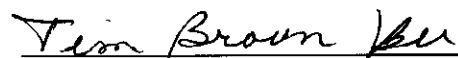
WHEREAS the Canadian federal government has set a precedent by refusing to allow the sale of bovine growth hormone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GLU supports an immediate moratorium on the growing of genetically engineered crops;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as an interim measure all GE foods presently on the market be immediately labeled as such; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that GLU opposes patents on life.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE SEVENTEETH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 13, 1999.



Tim Brown, Secretary