

Resolution against new directional oil and gas drilling within and under the Great Lakes

Whereas any failure of a pipeline or wellhead near the shoreline can result in significant long-term damage to the Great Lakes ecosystem; and

Whereas directional drilling represents a considerable public health threat in the event of hydrogen sulfide or petroleum leakage from a pipeline or wellhead; and

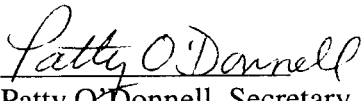
Whereas permitting and enforcement procedures for directional drilling operations are biased towards the oil and gas industry and ineffective at protecting ecosystem health; and

Whereas use of alternative energy technologies such as fuel cells, hybrid gas-electric vehicles, and solar and wind power are rapidly increasing, reducing the need for new sources of fossil fuels.

Therefore be it resolved that Great Lakes United and its member organizations implement the following strategies:

- Urge the immediate passage of federal legislation banning new oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes and directional drilling under the Great Lakes.
- Continue to seek a permanent moratorium on drilling on a statewide and province-wide basis.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES
UNITED ON JUNE 10, 2001.


Patty O'Donnell, Secretary