## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River's contributions to Indiana and urging the Governor to declare September 7, 2019, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day in Indiana.

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\_\_\_\_\_, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2	Lakes and St. Lawrence River's contributions to Indiana and
3	urging the Governor to declare September 7, 2019, Great
4	Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day in Indiana.
5	Whereas, The Great Lakes system, including Lake Erie,
6	Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario, Lake Superior, and
7	the St. Lawrence River, is a globally significant resource and
8	ecosystem, holding 21 percent of the world's surface
9	freshwater, providing drinking water to more than 48 million
10	Americans and Canadians, and supplying 56 billion gallons of
11	water per day for municipal, agricultural, and industrial use;
12	Whereas, On September 7, 2012, by signing a revised
13	Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the United States and
14	Canada reaffirmed their commitment to binational cooperation
15	"to restore, protect, and enhance the water quality of the Great
16	Lakes to promote the ecological health of the Great Lakes
17	Basin";
18	Whereas, An abundant supply of clean, affordable water is
19	essential to support a healthy population, a thriving economy,
20	and a well-functioning ecosystem;
21	Whereas, As a major source of water for communities
22	located within the Great Lakes basin, the Great Lakes system
23	is a vital resource in which all the region's residents share a
24	common interest:



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Whereas, Lake Michigan's shoreline adds extraordinary economic value to Indiana, with a waterborne shipping industry that contributes \$14 billion per year in economic activity to the state and provides over 100,000 jobs, a commercial and sport fishery industry with an annual value of nearly \$400 million, tourism dollars from two million annual visitors to Indiana Dunes National Park and 1.2 million visitors to Indiana Dunes State Park, and recreational boating opportunities that contribute over \$2 billion annually to Indiana's economy; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes basin and St. Lawrence River provide clean, healthy waters for the region's environment, economy, and its citizens: Therefore,

19 Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly 20 of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives 21 concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River for their contributions to the state, and urges the Governor to declare September 7, 2019, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day in Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Eric Holcomb.



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