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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY'S
REQUEST FOR AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST THE UTILITY'S EFFORTS TO
ACQUIRE AND PERFORM A FOX CREEK ENCLOSURE CONDITION
ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, the Great lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is a regional sewer authority organized under the provisions of Michigan Public Act 233 of 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, pursuant to lease agreements with the City of Detroit, GLWA began operations of the regional water and sewer located in southeastern and mid-Michigan; and

WHEREAS, GLWA is the largest drinking water provider in Michigan providing water of unquestionable quality to 112 communities located throughout Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Monroe Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, and Washtenaw Counties; and

WHEREAS, GLWA is the largest wastewater treatment provider in Michigan providing effective and efficient wastewater services to 79 Michigan Communities located within Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland Counties; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has a six member Board of Directors (Board) consisting of a representative appointed by the County Executive of Macomb County, a representative appointed by the County Executive of Oakland County, a representative appointed by the County Executive of Wayne County, two representatives appointed by the Mayor of the City of Detroit, and a representative appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan who resides in a community served by GLWA located outside of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, GLWA's Articles of Incorporation intended that GLWA's Board be reflective of the communities served by the utility and join collaboratively to establish policy for the region, its residents, and the utility; and

WHEREAS, GLWA is committed to delivering water of unquestionable quality to its member partner communities in a safe and affordable manner; and

WHEREAS, GLWA is responsible for maintaining 816 miles of drinking water transmission mains within its 1,688 square mile service area; and

WHEREAS, GLWA and the member partner communities it serves recognize that infrastructure management is not only essential to water quality but is a key component of water affordability; and

WHEREAS, The Fox Creek Enclosure is a structure owned by Wayne County located within the regional sewer system. The Fox Creek Enclosure has not been inspected in some time. GLWA wishes to acquire this structure because it believes that the inspection, cleaning, and performance of any necessary repairs may provide an opportunity to optimize the regional sewer system's resiliency, especially in ran events; and

WHEREAS, GLWA believes that a total cost of approximately \$25 million dollars will cover the costs of acquisition, inspection, cleaning, and performance of any necessary to the Fox Creek Enclosure; and

WHEREAS, GLWA seeks consideration of an appropriation to the utility's efforts to acquire and perform a Fox Creek Enclosure condition assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that such an appropriation is consistent with the desire and needs of the communities served by GLWA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth above, the Board of GLWA supports GLWA's request for a federal appropriation to assist the utility's efforts to acquire and perform a Fox Creek Enclosure condition assessment.