



ALLIANCE *for the*  
GREAT LAKES

## Resolution Inducting Paul Culhane as Board Member Emeritus

November 7, 2020

**Whereas**, the Alliance for the Great Lakes was formed in 1970 as the Lake Michigan Federation and continues to this day as the oldest citizens' Great Lakes organization, an institution for people to have a collective voice in the present and future of Great Lakes health; and

**Whereas**, serving as a member of the Alliance for the Great Lakes Board of Directors takes an extraordinary measure of commitment, including a lasting belief that any single person can make a difference, especially when combined with the efforts of others who care for our region's waters; and

**Whereas**, board members or others may demonstrate "significant contributions above and beyond those expected to advance the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the effectiveness of the Alliance for the Great Lakes over a substantial period of time," while achieving "accomplishments and standing among their peers;" and

**Whereas**, such demonstration may make individuals eligible to be nominated as a "Board Member Emeritus" with induction possible only upon receiving a unanimous vote by the entire Board of Directors; and

**Whereas**, Board Member Emeritus status applies in perpetuity as a way to honor inductees; and

**Recalling**, Paul Culhane's fervent support for the protection of the lakes and his 30 years of combined board service to the Alliance for the Great Lakes and its predecessor organization,

the Lake Michigan Federation, which is more than any living current or former board member; and

**Recalling further**, that from his start with the Lake Michigan Federation in 1973 as a doctoral student hired to conduct an evaluation of the organization and its positive influence on support for the 1972 enhanced Clean Water Act, through his final term on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for the Great Lakes in 2018, Paul worked tirelessly to support both organizations and ensure their ultimate success; and

**Knowing**, that during his tenure as a board member Paul helped steer the organization through a number of significant challenges and grow stronger to the place it is today; and

**Appreciating**, his work in the roles on the Board of Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the Policy Committee (later revived as the Policy Task Force), and Nominations committees, part of the CEO search committee, and as a member of other committees along the way;

**Therefore**, be it resolved, that Paul is inducted as Board Member Emeritus of the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, this resolution is hereby effective.

So approved by unanimous consent of the board this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.