



31st Conference
New England Governors and
Eastern Canadian Premiers

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Gouverneurs de la Nouvelle-Angleterre
et premiers ministres de l'Est du Canada



Resolution 31-2

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF QUÉBEC CITY

WHEREAS, the year 2008 will mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of Québec City by Samuel de Champlain; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the City will be the site of a multitude of events of all kinds, many of which will be international in scope; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the population of New England and the Atlantic provinces is of French Canadian, Québécois, or Acadian descent, and these societies share a sense of attachment to commonly held values and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the New England states and the other Eastern Canadian provinces are natural allies and essential partners of Québec by virtue of the historic, economic, political, and cultural ties that bind them, as evidenced by achievements stemming from 31 years of cooperation and exchanges within the NEG/ECP; and

WHEREAS, the Société du 400^e wishes to include a day dedicated to New England in its programming and the New England states also wish to recognize the contribution made by the Franco-American population within their communities on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Québec City; and

WHEREAS, the francophones and Acadians of New Brunswick have already committed to organizing a two-day event around the theme of “L’Acadie” during the festivities of the 400th anniversary of Québec City;

WHEREAS, historic celebrations of the quadricentennial of the explorations of Champlain were held in 2004 by the Acadians of Atlantic Canada, and will take place in 2009 in Vermont;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the occasion of this last Conference before the opening of the celebrations commemorating the 400th anniversary of Québec City, the NEG/ECP

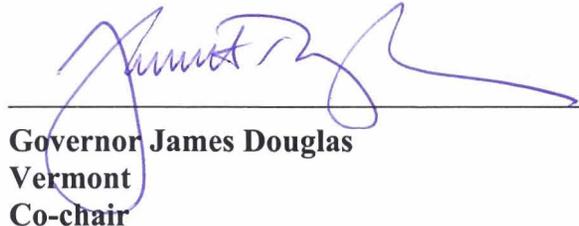
- acknowledge the contribution of the francophones to the development of New England and the Atlantic Provinces; and
recognize the importance of the first permanent French settlement in America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Conference of NEG/ECP invite the governments and population of the Northeastern states and provinces to participate in the festivities marking the 400th anniversary of Québec City, both in Québec City and within their territories.

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and Eastern Canadian Premiers, June 26, 2007.*



**Premier Robert Ghiz
Prince Edward Island
Co-chair**



**Governor James Douglas
Vermont
Co-chair**