



RESOLUTION 33-1

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GREEN ECONOMY

WHEREAS significant opportunity for economic growth is available to jurisdictions that focus on effectively commercializing private sector and post secondary research in new technologies and clean energy, supporting the transition to a green economy, and

WHEREAS U.S President Barack Obama's 2010 budget clearly identifies the promotion of green energy and the next generation of jobs as a top priority of his administration, and the proposed *American Clean Energy and Security Act* would invest \$190B in new clean energy technologies and research and development; and

WHEREAS the Canadian federal government has announced a Clean Energy Fund to support research initiatives and alternative energy technology projects and a Green Infrastructure Fund that will focus on green priorities such as green energy generation and transmission infrastructure, building and upgrading wastewater treatment systems, and improving solid waste management. Sustainable energy infrastructure, such as modern energy transmission lines, will contribute to improved air quality and lower carbon emissions; and


WHEREAS partnerships and a collaborative approach should be employed to move the region forward in the green economy; and

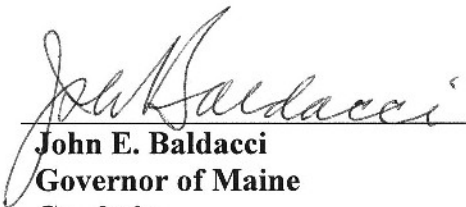
WHEREAS the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers recognizes that aligning environmental and economic goals will support an economy that is both strong and sustainable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Premiers and Governors wish to partner with other governments and industry stakeholders as appropriate to lead a transition towards a greener economy by promoting clean energy and related technology and infrastructure, energy efficiency within government and the broader society, investment in "greening" the economy, and the creation of green jobs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP will work together to gain a better understanding of the trends and direction of the green economy, including any regional initiatives which offer lessons in best practices.

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