



RESOLUTION 29-4

RESOLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers have utilized their unique relationship to enhance environmental stewardship and implement three landmark environmental action plans—for mercury, acid rain, and climate change—in the region; and

WHEREAS, our regional air pollutants/health problems result from a mixture of pollutants transported from sources outside of the region and pollutants from local sources; and

WHEREAS, through these three action plans, the NEG/ECP has reduced the levels of toxic substances like mercury in our environment and developed programs leading to cleaner air in the region; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP recognizes the connectedness of land, air, and water resources across regional and political boundaries and the symbiotic relationship of the health of local, state and provincial water bodies and the health of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP recognizes that while a great deal has been accomplished through coordinated environmental programs, additional progress can be made by continuing to aggressively pursue the goals of the environmental action plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, working with its Coordinating Committee and Committee on the Environment, continue to jointly coordinate common strategies for the resolution of regional environmental and related transport issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Conference directs its Mercury Task Force to continue to aggressively implement the Mercury Action Plan and the Strategic Plan to meet its 2010 75% reduction target for the region, through actions as specified in the report and materials submitted to the NEG/ECP; and

