



## RESOLUTION 33-7

### ***RESOLUTION CONCERNING OPEN AND SECURE TRADE***

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**WHEREAS**, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) is firmly committed to advancing the interests of the eleven jurisdictions through cooperation and collaboration to promote economic development within the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, NEG/ECP members recognize that secure cross-border trade and mobility are vital to the competitiveness and prosperity of both countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers has actively promoted open trade in the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, Canada and the United States have one of the largest, most integrated economic partnerships in the world including the largest trading relationship, supporting millions of jobs on both sides of the border.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** NEG/ECP members commit to promoting open trade policies within the region and between both countries; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Premiers and Governors direct the Trade Cooperation Committee to continue to work on building the strong economic relationship that exists among member jurisdictions.

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Eastern Canadian Premiers in Saint John, New Brunswick,  
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