



## **RESOLUTION 45-2**

### ***RESOLUTION CONCERNING ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY, CLIMATE ADAPTATION, AND FOOD SECURITY***

**WHEREAS**, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers have a long history of working together to address climate change, recognizing the need for proactive adaptation planning and implementation in the face of adverse impacts on agriculture and food security, water resources, coastal zones, public health, climate-related disaster risk management, buildings and infrastructure, and natural resources management;

**WHEREAS**, through Resolution 40-3, the governors and premiers recognized the need for action and collaboration to support ecological connectivity for the adaptability and resilience of our region's ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities in the face of climate change;

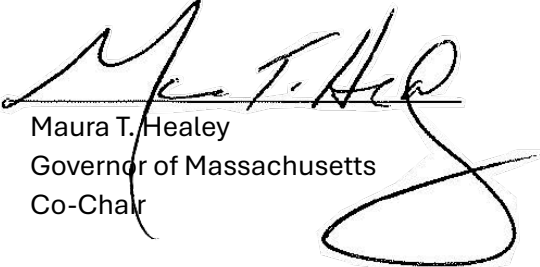
**WHEREAS**, more recently, Resolution 42-1 recognized the vital importance of implementing adaptation strategies to prepare the region for long-term changing climatic conditions;

**WHEREAS**, it is well recognized that climate change is impacting food security at the global, regional, and local level by disrupting food availability, reducing access to food, and affecting food quality as a result of increases in temperature, changes in precipitation patterns, extreme weather events, inconsistent water availability, and pests and disease; and changes in ocean temperatures, acidity, and other biological factors impact the availability of seafood; all of which impact regional food production and access;

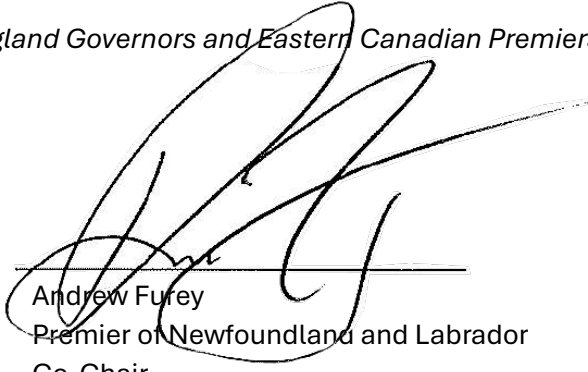
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the governors and premiers reaffirm their support for Resolution 40-3 and Resolution 42-1;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the governors and premiers direct the Committee on Environment to reconvene to evaluate progress made since effectuation of Resolution 40-3 and Resolution 42-1 and consider and further any additional steps needed to advance this collective work.

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