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RESOLUTION 46-3

CONCERNING ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND FOOD SECURITY

WHEREAS, the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers (NEG-ECP) have historically worked and continue to work together to address climate change through interregional mitigation and adaptation planning and implementation;

WHEREAS, the region is increasingly challenged by the impacts of climate change, including more frequent and severe weather events, droughts, wildfires and icing events, which negatively affect food security, water resources, ecological systems, public health, and disaster risk management;

WHEREAS, in Resolution 45-2, the governors and premiers reaffirmed support for collaborating to support ecological connectivity and implement adaptation strategies to prepare the region for changing climatic conditions; recognized the impacts of climate change on food security at the global, regional, and local levels; and reconvened the Committee on Environment (CoE) to evaluate progress and consider additional steps to advance this collective work;

WHEREAS, ecological connectivity and food security are interconnected priorities that must both be considered in land use decisions and conservation planning to ensure long-term environmental well-being and community resilience;

WHEREAS, the New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces have each implemented successful policies and programs to counter threats to food security and to improve ecological connectivity, while recognizing that regional coordination is essential to meeting the scale and complexity of current challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers acknowledge the CoE efforts throughout 2025, including collecting jurisdictional examples on ecological connectivity priorities and projects underway, and on the intersection between climate change, biodiversity, and food security (with a focus on food production), as well as identifying potential opportunities for long-term collaboration in these areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers direct the CoE to develop, for their consideration, a prioritized list of collective actions to advance long-term interregional collaboration in the areas of ecological connectivity and biodiversity, and food security, beginning with the opportunities identified in 2025 and including adjacent jurisdictional opportunities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the CoE identifies implementation requirements for the list of actions, including identifying the jurisdictions interested in exploring each action, and reports back to governors and premiers at the 47th NEG-ECP Conference in 2026 with an update on progress, including recommendations.

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