



## ***Resolution Regarding Upper Mississippi River Clean Water Act Monitoring***

- Whereas: The Upper Mississippi River is central to the environment, economy, and quality of life of the Upper Midwest and the nation, serving as a rich and diverse ecosystem, water supply source, recreational resource, and commercial navigation system; and
- Whereas: The protection and improvement of the Upper Mississippi River's water quality is essential to sustaining these multiple uses as well as improving water quality downstream; and
- Whereas: The states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin share a continuing responsibility to protect and improve the water quality of the Upper Mississippi River; and
- Whereas: The Governors of the Upper Mississippi River states have identified the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association as the forum wherein states coordinate their Clean Water Act programs on the River; and
- Whereas: Effective water quality monitoring is essential in the assessment, management, and improvement of Upper Mississippi River water quality; and
- Whereas: A coordinated Clean Water Act monitoring strategy among the states will provide more comprehensive and consistent data to inform water quality decision-making and management actions, while also enhancing coordination and efficiency among the states and other partners in monitoring; and
- Resolved: The Upper Mississippi River states hereby adopt the *Upper Mississippi River Clean Water Act Recommended Monitoring Plan* developed by the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Water Quality Task Force and endorsed by the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Water Quality Executive Committee; and
- Resolved: The states will work together to identify the resources, develop the infrastructure, and establish the procedures needed to implement the *Recommended Monitoring Plan*; and
- Resolved: The states will collaborate with their partners, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, other federal agencies, local governments, universities, private entities, and other interested parties in implementing the *Recommended Monitoring Plan*, in order to best utilize data and resources for the mutual benefit of all involved; and
- Resolved: The states commit to revisiting and revising the *Recommended Monitoring Plan* as needed and as implementation proceeds.

***Adopted by the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Board on February 25, 2014.***