

**Suggested Resolution asking for policies targeted to reducing phosphorus and nitrogen runoff from manure produced at Confined Animal Feeding Operations**

Whereas, all human sewage has required treatment with no raw sewage allowed to be discharged, and

Whereas wastewater plant phosphorus discharge source reduction was the leading reason for eliminating most of the harmful algae in Lake Erie at the end of the last century, and,

Whereas, wastewater plants continue to reduce phosphorus discharges and sewage overflows, and

Whereas septic systems for rural areas have laws to ensure needed upgrades, and

Whereas, urban areas are managing storm water to minimize adverse water quality impacts, and

Whereas, farmers using commercial fertilizer phosphorus have and continue to reduce the amount of phosphorus applied to the land while still maintaining yields, and

Whereas, Lake Erie contributes billions of dollars to Ohio's economy annually from tourism, fishing, boat licenses, and

Whereas, Lake Erie is the drinking water source for eleven million people, and

Whereas, public water supplies are increasing costs to customers because of treating, monitoring, and purchasing special equipment because of threats to drinking water from harmful algae, and

Whereas, for the past twenty years, harmful algae has impaired the waters and economic vitality of Lake Erie, and

Whereas the billions of dollars spent to reduce harmful algae in Lake Erie is showing minimal to no reductions in harmful algae in Lake Erie, and

Whereas, the phosphorus and nitrogen source that is increasing rather than decreasing in the Western Lake Erie watershed is Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's), and the form of manure land applied cows and swine has changed from solids to liquids.

Now Therefore be it resolved:

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby requests the State of Ohio: Classify manure as a  
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reusable waste regulated and, in a manner, similar to human sewage; and Prohibit expansions of medium and large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in a watershed impaired for nutrients (Lake Erie has been declared impaired for nutrients).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entity \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to the Governor of Ohio and State Senators and Representatives

Can be signed by entities and individuals – there is a link to copy on the Lake Erie Waterkeeper website

And proved a copy to Lake Erie Waterkeeper, 3900 N. Summit Bldg. 2 Toledo, Ohio 43611