

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

February 10, 1999 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH, COWLES, BAUMGART, MOEN, BURKE, ERPENBACH, GROBSCHMIDT, BRESKE, WELCH, DECKER, WIRCH and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, MUSSER, F. LASEE, URBAN, PLALE, OTT, COLON, HASENOHRL, LA FAVE, PLOUFF, KREUSER, BOYLE, BLACK, GRONEMUS, RICHARDS, KELSO, KEDZIE and SHERMAN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **Relating to:** urging the U.S. and Canadian governments to prohibit diversion of
2 Great Lakes water.

3 Whereas, the water within the Great Lakes basin is a precious natural resource
4 that needs to be carefully and cooperatively managed and protected to meet existing
5 and future water needs within the Great Lakes basin and the Canadian provinces;
6 and

7 Whereas, any new diversions of Great Lakes waters for use outside of the Great
8 Lakes basin will have significant adverse effects on the environment, economy and
9 welfare of the Great Lakes region; and

10 Whereas, the government of Canada has considered authorizing a company to
11 divert water from the Great Lakes to sell in Asia; and

12 Whereas, as trustees of the Great Lakes basin's natural resources, the United
13 States government, the Canadian government, the Great Lakes states and
14 Canadian provinces have a shared duty to protect, conserve and manage the waters

1 of the Great Lakes basin for the future use, benefit and enjoyment of all of their
2 citizens; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
4 Wisconsin legislature call upon the Congress and President of the United States and
5 the Parliament and Prime Minister of Canada to act to prohibit the sale or diversion
6 of Great Lakes water to foreign countries, businesses, corporations and individuals;
7 and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to the
10 President of the United States and to the Prime Minister of Canada.

11 (END)