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We hereby set forth this Great Lakes Commons Charter, a living document that affirms and empowers the wisdom and rightful role of the people of the Lakes as stewards of our waters.

Visit our website to add your name and actions to awaken this Charter Declaration in your inner and outer life.

www.GreatLakesCommons.org

The Great Lakes Commons is a grassroots effort to establish the Great Lakes as a thriving and living commons – shared waters that we all take care of and protect in perpetuity.

Out of our love for the Great Lakes and our responsibilities to future generations, we are calling for a renewed relationship and mode of governance for these waters.

We are asking you to join us.