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GOVERNORS ELECT STRICKLAND CO-CHAIR

Chicago, IL – The Great Lakes Governors today elected Ohio Governor Ted Strickland as Co-Chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors. Strickland joins Co-Chair Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle in spearheading the Council’s efforts to protect the Great Lakes and invigorate the region’s economy.

“I am delighted to welcome Governor Strickland to the Council’s leadership team and work with him in this role,” said Governor Doyle. “We have made great strides through a truly regional approach to preserve and improve the Great Lakes. Protecting this vitally important natural resource must continue to be a top priority. I know Governor Strickland will bring energy, fresh ideas and vision to help us tackle our region’s challenges.”

Governor Strickland said, "I am eager to roll up my sleeves and help lead the Council with Governor Doyle. Our work together has never been more important--creating jobs in the Great Lakes states and protecting the most important freshwater resource on the planet."

In coming months, the Co-Chairs will help lead the Great Lakes Governors’ collective efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes including combating the Asian carp and other invasive species. Export promotion and marketing regional tourism will also be a focus.

Established in 1983, the Council of Great Lakes Governors is a non-partisan partnership of Governors from each of the eight Great Lakes States - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. In recent years, the Premiers of Ontario and Québec have partnered with the Council to advance the environmental health and high performance economy of the entire region.

More information on the Council is available at www.cglg.org.

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