

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 256**

**Senator Brown**

**Cosponsors: Senators Cafaro, Eklund, Schiavoni, Skindell, Williams, Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To encourage support for the agreement reached 1  
between Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio regarding the 2  
reduction of phosphorous in the western basin of 3  
Lake Erie. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The city of Toledo, Ohio, experienced a three-day 5  
ban on the use of drinking water in the summer of 2014 due to 6  
the presence of algal blooms; and 7

WHEREAS, Phosphorous from fertilizer runoff has been 8  
attributed to encouraging the growth of harmful algal blooms; 9  
and 10

WHEREAS, Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio have agreed to reduce 11  
phosphorous in the western basin of Lake Erie by 40% over the 12  
next ten years and have set an interim goal of a 20% reduction 13  
in phosphorous by the year 2020; now therefore be it 14

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 15  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 16  
resolution encourage support for the agreement reached between 17  
Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio regarding the reduction of 18  
phosphorous in the western basin of Lake Erie; and be it further 19

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly 20

authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of  
Ohio.

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