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Resolution Supporting the Full Reopening of the United States- Canada Border to Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- WHEREAS,** the border between the United States and Canada has been closed to non-essential travel since March 18, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States and Canada have enjoyed the most prosperous relationship in the world, amounting to over a trillion dollars in trade and investment annually; and
- WHEREAS,** Canada is the second-largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States, employing roughly 500,000 Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States and Canada are each other's largest markets for agricultural trade, totaling \$48 billion in two-way trade in 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** this relationship has been based on the efficient movement of people, goods and services, while working together to secure the border from threats; and
- WHEREAS,** the interpretation of what is considered essential travel has been a matter of discretion by individual border crossing agents, creating confusion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government of Canada's Expert Advisory Committee on COVID-19 and the United States Center for Disease Control advise that fully vaccinated people do not provide a threat of COVID-19 transmission; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Midwestern Legislative Conference does hereby request that the United States and Canadian federal governments fully reopen the border to all fully vaccinated individuals immediately, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state, federal and provincial officials.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2021 at the 75th MLC Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota