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# Bill 54

## An Act to proclaim Great Lakes Day

**Ms L. Thompson**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      April 18, 2018

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to proclaim Great Lakes Day**

Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, collectively known as the Great Lakes, account for 21 per cent of the world's surface fresh water supply by volume. Combined, the Great Lakes are a direct source of drinking water for 33 million people, including 8.5 million Canadians.

The Great Lakes are home to more than 3,500 species of plants and animals, and provide economic opportunity for 90 per cent of Ontario's population.

Ensuring that the Great Lakes remain a pristine, viable resource for future generations is an obligation that we all share. Proclaiming June 7 as Great Lakes Day in Ontario helps promote awareness of this important resource, and our responsibilities as stewards of it.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**Great Lakes Day**

**1** June 7 in each year is proclaimed as Great Lakes Day.

**Commencement**

**2** This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

**Short title**

**3** The short title of this Act is the *Great Lakes Day Act, 2018*.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill proclaims June 7 in each year as Great Lakes Day.