



**Office of the Governor**  
**State of Missouri**



**Office of the Premier**  
**Province of Manitoba**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF MISSOURI &  
THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA  
ON THEIR SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT WATER  
TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE MISSOURI &  
HUDSON BAY WATERSHEDS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is located in the Missouri River watershed, and the availability of sufficient water within the watershed for drinking water, municipal and industrial uses, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and commerce is vitally important to the well-being of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba is located in the Hudson Bay watershed and the ecological health of the watershed is vitally important to the well-being of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri and Hudson Bay watersheds have been separated over a geological time span and have evolved distinct ecological characteristics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dakota Water Resources Act contains language that contemplates the possible large-scale diversion of water from the Missouri to the Hudson Bay watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the out-of-basin diversion of water from the Missouri to the Hudson Bay watershed could harm the well-being of the citizens of Missouri and the Province of Manitoba;

**THEREFORE**, the State of Missouri and the Province of Manitoba agree to work cooperatively to the fullest possible extent consistent with law and existing treaties between our respective nations to ensure that:

- ❖ Both jurisdictions are fully informed about any actions being contemplated under the Dakota Water Resources Act;
- ❖ Both jurisdictions are mutually supportive in their efforts to oppose water transfers between major watersheds;
- ❖ Both jurisdictions are mutually supportive in their efforts to oppose any incremental works in either the Missouri or Hudson Bay watersheds that are intended to be part of an eventual transfer of water between the watersheds; and
- ❖ Each jurisdiction communicates its concerns about interbasin water transfers to their respective national governments.

FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI  
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FOR THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA  
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