

# Draft Motion for Government Organization to officially and publicly support the Decibel Coalition

## On “Organization” Letterhead

Resolution Number: xxx001

Resolution Date:

Resolution: To officially become a member of Safe Quiet Lakes’ national Decibel Coalition

Whereas: Safe Quiet Lakes has established a national coalition of like-minded stakeholders called the “Decibel Coalition” and

Whereas: The objective of the Decibel Coalition is to have the Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures and

Whereas: Excessive noise from boat motor noise on our waterways has been a pervasive, persistent and growing problem for many years in the “Organization” and

Whereas: Jurisdiction of Canadian waterways is with the Federal Government and as such regional and local governments cannot make by-laws for our lakes and rivers and

Whereas: The current legislation requires boat motors to have a working muffler but has no performance standards for sound emissions measured in decibels limits and

Whereas: Police are reluctant to lay charges with regards to the muffler law and

Whereas: Transport Canada has recently opened the opportunity to discuss and receive comments on possible options for changes to the Small Vessels Regulation with regards to boat mufflers and sound emissions and

Whereas: “Organization” would welcome enactment of these improved regulations in the interests of our community

Now, therefore be it resolved that:

“Organization” will:

- officially and publicly join as a member and support the Decibel Coalition and
- allow the Decibel Coalition to use our name and reference our membership in their communications with other government agencies and committees, other Decibel Coalition Members, and promotion of the Decibel Coalition’s objectives in social media and the press and

- communicate about the Decibel Coalition to our community and encourage their support of the Decibel Coalition and
- encourage other government organizations to join the Decibel Coalition.

Approved by:

Date Approved:

**Note to Chief Administrative Officers/Clerks:**

Feel free to modify the “Whereas:” section of the resolution as you see fit.

We would appreciate if you can leave the “Now, therefore be it resolved...” section unchanged, especially the first two points. However, if any concerns, please discuss.