

*Determined to leave a flourishing and sustainable Nova Scotia for our children and our children's children and for the sake of all species and the natural world itself,*

*Recognizing that a full cost accounting system, such as the GPI, that properly values the Province's economic, social, environmental, human, and cultural assets is an essential step towards that end,*

*Further recognizing that the Nova Scotia Genuine Progress Index—now complete and ready for use and application—is fully aligned with the five capital foundations of Nova Scotia's new **Opportunities for Sustainable Prosperity** development strategy, with the province's new **Weaving the Threads** social policy framework, and with the 2007 **Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act**, which explicitly acknowledges that “the economic value of Nova Scotia's environmental assets is essential to our long-term prosperity,”*

*Further recognizing that the Nova Scotia Genuine Progress Index reflects consensus values endorsed and supported by all segments of Nova Scotia society and all political parties, and is fully in accord with what matters most to Nova Scotians,*

*We, the undersigned organizations, urge the Province of Nova Scotia, and all political parties, if elected, to adopt, use, and apply the Nova Scotia Genuine Progress Index as a core measure of progress in the Province.*