

- “(2) State agencies;
- “(3) regional research consortia;
- “(4) academia;
- “(5) private industry; and
- “(6) nongovernmental organizations.

“(b) PLAN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013, the Task Force shall develop and submit to the Congress a plan, based on the integrated assessment under subsection (a), for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia and harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

“(2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall—

“(A) address the monitoring needs identified in the integrated assessment under subsection (a);

“(B) develop a timeline and budgetary requirements for deployment of future assets;

“(C) identify requirements for the development and verification of Great Lakes hypoxia and harmful algal bloom models, including—

“(i) all assumptions built into the models; and

“(ii) data quality methods used to ensure the best available data are utilized; and

“(D) describe efforts to improve the assessment of the impacts of hypoxia and harmful algal blooms by—

“(i) characterizing current and past biological conditions in ecosystems affected by hypoxia and harmful algal blooms; and

“(ii) quantifying effects, including economic effects, at the population and community levels.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing the plan, the Task Force shall—

“(A) consult with State and local governments and representatives from academic, agricultural, industry, and other stakeholder groups;

“(B) consult with relevant Canadian agencies;

“(C) ensure that the plan complements and does not duplicate activities conducted by other Federal or State agencies;

“(D) identify critical research for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia events and their effects;

“(E) evaluate cost-effective, incentive-based partnership approaches;

“(F) utilize existing research, assessments, reports, and program activities;

“(G) publish a summary of the proposed plan in the Federal Register at least 180 days prior to submitting the completed plan to Congress; and

“(H) after submitting the completed plan to Congress, provide biennial progress reports on the activities toward achieving the objectives of the plan.”

**SEC. 9. APPLICATION WITH OTHER LAWS.**

The Act is amended by adding after section 606 the following:

**“SEC. 607. EFFECT ON OTHER FEDERAL AUTHORITY.**

“Nothing in this title supersedes or limits the authority of any agency to carry out its responsibilities and missions under other laws.”

**SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS; CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Act, as amended by section 9 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 607 the following:

**“SEC. 608. DEFINITIONS.**

“In this title:

“(1) ACTION STRATEGY.—The term ‘Action Strategy’ means the comprehensive research plan and action strategy established under section 603B.

“(2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

“(3) HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM.—The term ‘harmful algal bloom’ means marine and freshwater phytoplankton that proliferate to high concentrations, resulting in nuisance conditions or harmful impacts on marine and aquatic ecosystems, coastal communities, and human health through the production of toxic compounds or other biological, chemical, and physical impacts of the algae outbreak.

“(4) HYPOXIA.—The term ‘hypoxia’ means a condition where low dissolved oxygen in aquatic systems causes stress or death to resident organisms.

“(5) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means the national harmful algal bloom and hypoxia program established under section 603A.

“(6) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any other territory or possession of the United States, and any Indian tribe.

“(7) TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Task Force’ means the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia under section 603(a).

“(8) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term ‘Under Secretary’ means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

“(9) UNITED STATES COASTAL WATERS.—The term ‘United States coastal waters’ includes the Great Lakes.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 603(a) is amended by striking “(hereinafter referred to as the ‘Task Force’)”.

**SEC. 11. INTERAGENCY FINANCING.**

The Act, as amended by section 10 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 608 the following:

**“SEC. 609. INTERAGENCY FINANCING.**

“The departments and agencies represented on the Task Force may participate in interagency financing and share, transfer, receive, obligate, and expend funds appropriated to any member of the Task Force for the purposes of carrying out any administrative or programmatic project or activity under this title, including support for the Program, a common infrastructure, information sharing, and system integration for harmful algal bloom and hypoxia research, monitoring, forecasting, prevention, and control. Funds may be transferred among the departments and agencies through an appropriate instrument that specifies the goods, services, or space being acquired from another Task Force member and the costs of the goods, services, and space. The amount of funds transferrable under this section for any fiscal year may not exceed 5 percent of the account from which the transfer was made.”

**SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

The Act, as amended by section 11 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 609 the following:

**“SEC. 610. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Under Secretary to carry out sections 603A and 603B \$20,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

“(b) EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—The Under Secretary shall ensure that a substantial portion of funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) that are used for research purposes are allocated to extramural research activities. For each fiscal year, the Under Secretary shall publish a list of all grant recipients and the amounts for all of the funds allocated for research purposes, specifying those allocated for extramural research activities.”

PROVIDING A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 25

PROVIDING A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 540

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 81 and H. Con. Res. 82 en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 81) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 82) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolutions en bloc.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolutions be agreed to en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 81 and H. Con. Res. 82) were agreed to en bloc.

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY FOR COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 350 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 350) designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Booker amendment to the resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the Booker amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2742) was agreed to, as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 9, strike “important” and all that follows through line 2 on page 3, and insert the following: “importance of both—

“(A) being humane and compassionate; and  
“(B) providing technical expertise.”

The resolution (S. Res. 350), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2743) was agreed to, as follows: