



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

Order No. 3453

Subject: Lake America

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order directs the Board on Geographic Names (BGN) to immediately rename the body of water known as Lake Ontario to Lake America and to update the Geographic Names Information System to appropriately reflect the change. This Order implements President Trump's direction in Executive Order (EO) 14420, titled "Honoring the American History of the Great Lakes and Renaming Lake Ontario as Lake America," that the name be changed.

Sec. 2 Authority. The authority for this Order is 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f and EO 14420.

Sec. 3 Background. The area formerly known as Lake Ontario has long been an integral asset to America, as a critical artery for America's early trade and commerce, and as a vital economic resource for America. Lake America will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping America's future and the global economy.

The BGN is a Federal body established by Public Law 80-242 (61 Stat. 456) in 1947 to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. Pursuant to 43 U.S.C. § 364d, the Secretary of the Interior is required to "promulgate in the name of the Board [on Geographic Names] . . . decisions with respect to geographic names and principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography. . . ."

President Trump has directed the change in the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America, and the BGN must immediately take steps to accomplish the President's instructions. This Order directs the BGN to implement the change and name the relevant body of water Lake America.

Sec. 4 Naming Lake America. The BGN is ordered to immediately take all actions necessary to rename the feature currently known as Lake Ontario to Lake America, including updating the Geographic Names Information System.

Sec. 5 Effect of the Order. This Order renames "Lake Ontario" to "Lake America."

Sec. 6 Expiration Date. This Order is effective immediately.


Secretary of the Interior

Date: AUG 27 2026