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NARUC President Brandon Presley Issues Statement Thanking Members for Public Service and Support

WASHINGTON (November 10, 2020) — On the eve of concluding his tenure leading the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, President Brandon Presley issued a statement of appreciation and farewell to members.

Presley highlighted his theme as president and placed it in everyday context. "Bridging the Divide' has many meanings in many sectors of modern American life. From broadband expansion to emergency preparedness to social justice, we've worked to take on the issues that matter to our constituency and the health and well-being of our nation," he wrote.

His message struck a thankful tone to his colleagues for their support of him during his term as president and more importantly, for their roles serving the needs of their communities:

"We each play a necessary role in delivering vital services to the people of this nation and I know that we, as NARUC members, are delivering like never before despite the pandemic and the challenges of our time. Your states are stronger and better because of your service and NARUC is a better organization because you've joined us."

A regulator for the Mississippi Public Service Commission, Presley referenced his humble roots and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead NARUC, "Growing up extremely poor in a single-parent household in a tiny town in Mississippi, I never dreamed I would have the opportunity to lead a national organization."

NARUC Executive Director Greg R. White noted that Presley has served his term under unusual circumstances.

"By all accounts, this year has been the most challenging for the Association," said White. "We all appreciate President Presley's excellent leadership, counsel and ability to help us to serve state regulators in the midst of not only a pandemic, but severe weather emergencies that affected his state and many others."

Presley is presiding over the NARUC Annual Meeting and Education Conference, held virtually November 8-11. The new slate of officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the meeting. Presley will continue to serve on several NARUC committees and task forces.

To read his complete statement, go to <u>https://bit.ly/PresleyMSG</u>.

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NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.