

***Resolution Honoring Former FCC Chairman Kevin Martin***

**WHEREAS,** Kevin J. Martin was first nominated to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission by President George W. Bush on April 30, 2001, and was sworn in on July 3, 2001; *and*

**WHEREAS,** He was designated chairman by President George W. Bush on March 18, 2005, and was re-nominated for a second term as commissioner and chairman by President George W. Bush on April 25, 2006 but resigned from the Commission effective January 20, 2009; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Chairman Martin brought an incredible amount of experience to the job, joining the Commission from the White House, where he served as a Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and was on the staff of the National Economic Council, and as the official U.S. government representative to the G-8's Digital Opportunity Task Force, a government, non-profit, and private sector task force created to identify ways in which the digital revolution can assure opportunities for developing countries; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Prior to joining the Bush Administration, Chairman Martin served as a principle technology and telecommunications advisor on the Bush-Cheney Transition team. He assumed this role after serving as the Deputy General Counsel to the Bush campaign in Austin, Texas from July 1999 through December 2000; *and*

**WHEREAS,** From 1997 to 1999, Chairman Martin served as a Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth, advising the Commissioner on telecommunications and broadband issues. Chairman Martin had previously served in the Office of the Independent Counsel following several years of work in private practice at the Washington, DC law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding. While at Wiley, Rein & Fielding, he worked on communications, legislative, and appellate litigation matters. Before joining Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Martin was a law clerk for United States Court District Judge William M. Hoeveler in Miami, Florida; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Chairman Martin was a very frequent attendee of NARUC meetings, worked closely with NARUC members on many issues, and always took the time to listen carefully to State concerns; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Chairman Martin is the only FCC Commissioner in recent history to have received a spontaneous standing ovation by all the State Commissioners attending the "Commissioners' only" lunch at a 2005 NARUC meeting, based primarily on his outreach and sensitivity to State's positions on the FCC's Triennial Review; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The FCC saw many accomplishments under Chairman Martin's tenure, including but not limited to, promoting broadband deployment, overseeing the clearing of the 700 Mhz spectrum for auction to expand spectrum and improve wireless service nationwide, promoting greater competition in the telecom industry, protecting consumers from indecency and promoting public safety; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Since leaving the FCC Chairman Martin has continued active on telecom issues at the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, thanks Chairman Martin for his work with NARUC and extend our hope for his continued success and happiness as he launches the next chapter in his successful career.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications*

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