

**Resolution Regarding the  
National Information Infrastructure (NII)**

**WHEREAS**, In September 1993, the White House released its goals for telecommunications and information policy, "The National Information Infrastructure: The Administration's Agenda for Action" (NII); and

**WHEREAS**, The NII initiative contains nine guiding principles including: (1) promotion of private sector investment; (2) expansion of the "universal service" concept to include information services; (3) promotion of technological innovation and new applications; (4) promotion of a seamless, interactive, user-driven operation of the NII; (5) assurance of information security and network reliability; (6) improved management of the radio frequency spectrum; (7) protection of intellectual property rights; (8) policy coordination with other levels of government and with other nations; and (9) access to government information and improved government procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, The NII proposes that the Administration and Government will operate as a partner with the private sector via the establishment of an Information Infrastructure Task Force (IITF) to focus on telecommunications policy, information policy, and user applications; and

**WHEREAS**, The NII proposes the creation of the "United States Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure" consisting of 25 members from outside the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, The NII proposes to strengthen and streamline federal agencies responsible for communications and information policy making; and

**WHEREAS**, One goal of the NII is to continue and expand the concept of universal service for the next century; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has initiated a project to examine the evolving definition of universal service through a collaborative process among various NARUC Committees and among representatives of interested constituencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Telecommunications and Information Administration has invited NARUC to participate in a November 19, 1993, planning summit for the NII; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), assembled at its 105th Annual Convention in New York, New York, applauds the Administration for its efforts and leadership to develop policy goals for the provision of telecommunications and information services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the NARUC looks forward to working with the Administration on the IITF and will provide any information and technical assistance possible to help achieve the goals outlined in the NII.

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Sponsored by the Committee on Communications

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