

Resolution Honoring Commerce Assistant Secretary Nancy Victory

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**WHEREAS**, Assistant Secretary Nancy Victory assumed her responsibilities in the U.S. Department of Commerce in August 2001 after she was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Secretary Victory has had the unusual distinction of playing two roles at once -- a double Victory -- in the Bush Administration: one, as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, reporting directly to Commerce Secretary Donald Evans and overseeing the management of the federal government's use of spectrum; and two, serving as Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and reporting directly to the President on telecommunications and information policy matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Secretary Victory has shown an uncanny ability to navigate the complex working relationships involving NTIA, the Federal Communications Commission, and the State Department to yield better policymaking at the federal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Secretary Victory has continued the traditionally strong relationship between NTIA and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); and

**WHEREAS**, The Assistant Secretary has made spectrum management a priority - a complex issue that is having a wide-ranging impact on all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrator Victory has demonstrated an enviable propensity to make progress in this area by convening the first-ever Federal Spectrum Summit -- a comprehensive look at how to improve spectrum management -- and reaching seminal agreements with the FCC to find additional spectrum for commercial wireless uses, such as "3G" and WiFi (in the 5Ghz range); and

**WHEREAS**, Most recently, she contributed to the success of the recent World Radiocommunication Conference, which reached an agreement on harmonized spectrum for wireless Internet service, and has been an active member of the Administration's new high-level interagency task force created to develop Spectrum Policy for the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS**, At the risk of precipitating a row, the Assistant Secretary has spearheaded efforts to facilitate deployment of broadband, particularly with respect to streamlining rights-of-way management, including participation in NARUC's Rights-of-Way Study Group, establishment of a State and Local Rights-of-Way website at NTIA, and chairing the Federal Rights-of-Way Working Group, whose report and recommendations will soon be issued; and

**WHEREAS**, She also showed good moral fiber by hosting a broadband forum and initiating a request for comments on broadband supply and demand issues and the government's role in promoting the deployment of advanced Internet services; and

**WHEREAS**, During Administrator Victory's tenure, NTIA has awarded domain name management contracts for the

administration of ".us" and ".edu," and is helping to create a new Internet domain, ".kid.us," to protect our children; and has worked tirelessly to reform the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) by bringing greater transparency and accountability to ICANN's management processes; and

**WHEREAS**, Victory's NTIA has pledged active U.S. government participation in the global effort, known as "ENUM," to match phone numbers with Internet addresses and enable U.S. citizens to communicate both voice and text messages through one single identifier, either a telephone number or an e-mail address; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrator Victory has done A-OK with VOIP, being in the forefront --along with NARUC -- in conducting public debates on this significant issue; and

**WHEREAS**, During her tenure NTIA released a report on Americans' use of the Internet, titled A Nation Online, which shows that many more Americans are now using the Internet and computers at home, at work, school, and other locations for an expanding variety of purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, This Assistant Secretary has shown unswerving dedication and boundless energy in her efforts to advocate competition, encourage innovation, and promote public safety and security -- and is clearly deserving of a Victory lap for all her successes! now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

convened in its July 2003 Summer Meeting in Denver, Colorado offers its sincere thanks for the dedication and distinguished public service of Assistant Secretary Nancy Victory and wishes her well in all her future endeavors.

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