

Resolution Honoring West Virginia Commissioner Ryan Palmer

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ryan Palmer, after distinguished duty on behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, resigned his appointment on the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to pursue a new regulatory career on the Staff of the Federal Communications Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Ryan Palmer was appointed Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia by Governor Joe Manchin in 2010 after previous honorable legal and regulatory service as Deputy General Counsel for West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin, Attorney/Advisor to Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane on the United States International Trade Commission, and Clerk to the Honorable Judge W. Craig Broadwater of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ryan Palmer earned a degree in English from West Virginia University and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the West Virginia University College of Law; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Palmer's certifications include the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Courts for Northern and Southern West Virginia and the West Virginia State Bar, study programs on international trade, and a study program on European Union Law sponsored through the Tulane University College of Law and the University of Amsterdam; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ryan Palmer has been active on the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and has actively participated in numerous educational panels and discussion groups at NARUC and MACRUC functions; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ryan Palmer has demonstrated his keen interest in telecommunication matters and duty to the citizens of West Virginia to the extent that he was a named defendant in a Federal Law Suit brought by Frontier Communications against the Commissioners of the West Virginia Public Service Commission for attempting to resolve a West Virginia pole attachment dispute; *and*

WHEREAS, We are reliably informed that Commissioner Ryan Palmer is not the same Ryan Palmer, professional golfer, who accepted the Ice Bucket for ALS Research Challenge and subsequently challenged the Head Coach of Texas A&M University to the Ice Bucket Challenge; *and*

WHEREAS, We are further reliably informed that if Commissioner Palmer accepted the Ice Bucket for ALS Research Challenge, he would be more likely to subsequently challenge his fellow members of the Commission, his former boss, now State Senator Joe Manchin, and that any sports-related challenges would be directed to coaches of the West Virginia University football and basketball programs and the NFL Buffalo Bills; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Palmer has demonstrated admirable deference to, and respect for, his wife, Flavia, by refraining from referring to real international football as soccer, and has

further admirably removed football pressure from his daughter when he agreed to name her Lia, instead of Mia; *and*

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding his new position with the FCC, NARUC would still welcome Ryan Palmer to participate in meetings and educational activities sponsored by NARUC where he could enlighten NARUC members regarding the actions of the FCC; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 126th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, expresses its recognition and appreciation to Commissioner Ryan Palmer for his service to NARUC and the citizens of the State of West Virginia, and further extend their best wishes to Mr. Palmer in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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