

Resolution Supporting EPA's WaterSense "Fix-a-Leak Week" in March 2013

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the WaterSense initiative to make it easy for American consumers and businesses to save water and protect the environment by establishing water efficiency standards; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC passed a resolution in July 2008 directing NARUC to join EPA's WaterSense partnership and support appropriate EPA and Congressional efforts to encourage water efficiency; *and*

WHEREAS, State commissions are uniquely positioned to encourage the adoption of programs and offering of products that will promote water efficiency and reduce the amount of electricity used by water treatment facilities; *and*

WHEREAS, EPA's WaterSense program announced its fifth annual water efficiency initiative: "Fix-a-Leak Week," March 18 - 24, 2013; *and*

WHEREAS, EPA encourages NARUC as a WaterSense partner, to use this week to remind Americans to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks; *and*

WHEREAS, During each of the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Winter Committee Meetings, NARUC adopted a resolution which urged its members to participate in the program by utilizing the online resources in order to raise consumer awareness about water conservation practices; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2013 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., encourages its members to participate in EPA's "Fix-a-Leak Week" by utilizing any materials EPA provides and issuing an appropriate press release noting the EPA initiative and support for it; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC send a letter to the chair of each State commission encouraging their participation in this initiative.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Adopted by the Board of Directors February 6, 2013