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

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has 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*

WHEREAS, EPA's WaterSense program announced in January its newest initiative to promote water efficiency: "Fix a Leak Week," March 16 to 20, 2009; *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, EPA has, to make it easier to share Fix a Leak Week with constituents and community, has developed sample materials for partners to use, including a special logo, graphics, facts, tips, mailers, point-of-purchase materials, Web text, banners, and a programmed "widget" that will automatically update with new WaterSense messages in the future, downloadable

<<u>http://www2.ergweb.com/listserv/Arlington/WaterSense/documents/Fix_a_Leak_Week_Materials.zip</u>>; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., encourages its members to participate in EPA's "Fix a leak Week" by utilizing the materials EPA has provided 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 Adopted by the Board of Directors February 18, 2009