

*Resolution Supporting Telecommunications Service Emergency Preparedness*

**WHEREAS**, In light of the high state of alert that the nation is experiencing, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) finds that ensuring the security and reliability of the nation's telecommunications infrastructure is of the highest public interest; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The federal government, the States and public utilities have undertaken comprehensive reviews of plans, rules, orders, and programs designed to assess the vulnerability of the telecommunications infrastructure in order to determine the efficacy and appropriate levels of response, to adopt the necessary procedures to ensure adequate facilities and to further safeguard resources and infrastructure; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2001 Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, supports the Office of Homeland Security in its efforts to ensure a coordinated emergency preparedness effort at the federal, State and local levels; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That NARUC commits to cooperating and working with the National Governors' Association, the Office of Homeland Security, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Emergency Management Association in order to develop and integrate emergency response plans and procedures; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That NARUC encourages the FCC to build a cooperative relationship with State commissions to undertake an ongoing comprehensive review of plans, rules, orders and programs designed to assess the vulnerability of the telecommunications infrastructure.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications*

*Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors November 13, 2001*

*Adopted by the Committee of the Whole November 14, 2001*