

**WA-2 Resolution Honoring Frederick F. Butler**  
**(For Informational Purposes not for Board Consideration)**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler has served as a State Commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the past eight years; *and*

**WHEREAS**, During that time period, Commissioner Butler gave generously of his time and expertise to serve the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in a number of essential roles. Included among his extensive NARUC endeavors are his service as Chairman of the Water and International Relations Committee and of the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler also served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. In that capacity, Commissioner Butler raised awareness of drinking water and wastewater issues germane to the Mid-Atlantic region, such as drought mitigation and wise water usage, along with the benefits from the evolving practice of integrated water resource management; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler recently completed his distinguished service as Chairman of the Committee on Water where his dedicated leadership and foresight will be recognized for many years to come; *and*

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Water, Commissioner Butler helped champion many beneficial topics, such as addressing cost-effective remediation of aging infrastructure and small water company viability challenges through innovative regulatory mechanisms NARUC deemed as Best Practices; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler helped shepherd affordability programs for low-income water ratepayers and efforts to enable private water and wastewater companies full access to federally-funded State Revolving Fund programs; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler served as a core faculty member of the Eastern and Western Utility Rate Schools and served as an invaluable steward to further secure the Schools' continued viability and educational value for hundreds of students; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Building on the successes of the first two National Drinking Water Symposiums, Commissioner Butler worked to ensure that the 3rd National Drinking Water Symposium came to fruition, by coordinating with stakeholders, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of Water Companies and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, and by offering a program that delivered numerous examples of solutions to ongoing, critical water industry challenges; *and*

**WHEREAS**, With that framework left firmly intact and strengthened, thanks in large part to Commissioner Butler's efforts, the 4th National Drinking Water Symposium is now slated for September 30-October 3, 2007 in Torrey Pines, California; *and*

**WHEREAS**, As an over-arching achievement while Chairman of the Committee on Water, Commissioner Butler succeeded in heightening awareness of the irreplaceable value of drinking water and the regulatory methodologies best suited to ensure the continued provision of reliable water service at reasonable rates well into the future; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Butler has meritoriously completed his term as Chairman of the Committee on Water and he generously continues to serve NARUC as its Second Vice President and as a member of the Executive Committee; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the Committee on Water and all NARUC members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Butler in all of his future endeavors in NARUC and beyond, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Butler for his vigorous leadership of the Committee on Water, his years of dedicated public service, and his active, ongoing leadership role in NARUC.

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*Adopted by the Committee on Water February 19, 2007*