Resolution Encouraging Research and Funding for the Study of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Their Impacts on Drinking Water

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently conducting research and gathering information on the effects of pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) on drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, The Water Research Foundation is also currently conducting research and gathering information on the effects of pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) on drinking water and supplies; and

WHEREAS, PPCPs are identified as endocrine disruptor compounds, personal care products, and pharmaceutically active compounds; and

WHEREAS, Current research is studying the concerns with PPCPs and drinking water, the occurrence of PPCPs in drinking water, the toxicological relevance of PPCPs in drinking water, and the water treatment process effectiveness in removing PPCPs from drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Because the cost and safety impacts of PPCPs in drinking water on all entities providing drinking water will be broad, public, and pervasive, the Drinking Water Community should not be required to fund all the costs involved in developing the research to establish federal standards for PPCPs in drinking water; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, encourages the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Water Research Foundation to continue research on PPCPs and drinking water; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the PPCP industry be required to assist in funding the research necessary to develop appropriate federal drinking water standards on PPCPs and processes for remediation of any effects deemed contrary to those standards.

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