

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Lorraine Akiba of Hawaii

Whereas Lorraine H. Akiba was appointed by then-Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie as a Commissioner for the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission in January 2012, for a term to expire June 30, 2018;

Whereas in this role, Commissioner Akiba presided over all regulated public utility matters in the State of Hawaii, including electric, gas, private water and wastewater, telecommunications, water transportation, and motor carrier transportation utilities;

Whereas prior to this appointment, Commissioner Akiba worked in the private practice as a law partner at McCarriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP and Cades Schutte LLP, where she headed the Environmental Practice Groups at both law firms with an emphasis in environmental and natural resources law in addition to her commercial and business litigation practice;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba served previously as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and as Chair of the State of Hawaii Environmental Council;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba holds a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and graduated with honors from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in political science;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba has held leadership positions at a number of national and state professional organizations, including the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba served as a member of the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute, the U.S. Department of Energy and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Future Electric Utility Regulation Advisory Group, and the State and Local Efficiency Action Network (SEE Action Network) Financial Solutions Working Group;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba co-chairs the Low Income Community Solar Working Group of the Low Income Issues Forum and serves as a member of the Resiliency Strategy Steering Committee for the City and County of Honolulu; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Akiba has been an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving on its Board of Directors, its Energy Resources and Environment Committee, its Electricity Committee, and its Task Force on Innovation;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba regularly moderated NARUC panels, and always treated panelists to Hawaii's finest specialties, including macadamia nuts, cookies, and leis;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba is a recognized thought leader, with experience and knowledge in the development of Hawaii's renewable and clean energy policy and regulatory framework;

Whereas Commissioner Akiba always seems to know the correct postage no matter where around the world she is sending a Hawaii "postcard from the future;"

Whereas Commissioner Akiba invariably greets everyone with a genuinely friendly "aloha" and on conference calls provides a reminder about what a bright and early time of day it is in Hawaii; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Akiba was able to leap multiple time zones in a single bound and always brought her creative thinking and energy to NARUC and in other many utility sector meetings; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Akiba's infectious energy, vision, and policy leadership will be greatly missed; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the NARUC Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2018 Summer Policy Summer in Scottsdale Arizona extends to Lorraine H. Akiba its utmost gratitude and appreciation for her years of public service to the State of Hawaii and wish Commissioner Emeritus Akiba success and happiness as she continues exemplary work upon her return to the private sector.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy and the Environment
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