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State Utility Regulators Join NARUC to Promote the EPA's Fix-A-Leak Week: March 15-21, 2021

WASHINGTON (March 15, 2021) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and its members encourage communities across the country to help find and fix household water leaks during **Fix-A-Leak Week**, March 15-21, 2021.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense annual initiative promotes water efficiency and conservation through a nationwide call to action for people to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted annually and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste at least 90 gallons daily. WaterSense puts the overall annual water wasted at more than **1 trillion** gallons.

NARUC's members — state utility commissions — are partnering in this outreach effort in their communities through social media, press releases and links to the educational resources on the WaterSense website (www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week) to help individuals and communities become more water efficient. NARUC has supported the program each year since 2008.

"Better water efficiency is a priority for NARUC and its members," said NARUC President Paul Kjellander of Idaho. "Our resolution supporting the WaterSense initiative recognizes the need to eliminate waste and to preserve one of our most precious natural resources, which in turn, can significantly reduce water bills. Many of us are spending more time at home, so this is a great opportunity to be a leak detective in our homes."

The resolution, passed by NARUC's board of directors at last year's 2020 Winter Policy Summit endorsing the WaterSense Fix-A-Leak Week program, is available at http://bit.ly/NARUC2020fixaleakweek.

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About NARUC

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.