

Honorary Resolution for Idaho Commissioner Paul Kjellander

Whereas Idaho Public Utility Commission President Paul Kjellander retired from state public service on December 31, 2021, after 34 years as an Idaho state employee;

Whereas Paul Kjellander first served on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) as President from January 1999 until October 2007;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander left the IPUC in 2007 when he was appointed to the then-new Idaho Office of Energy Resources and served in that position until 2011;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander was once again appointed to the IPUC in April 2011, and served as the IPUC President until his recent retirement;

Whereas prior to his initial appointment to the IPUC, Commissioner Kjellander served as a member of the Idaho House of Representatives from 1994 to 1999;

Whereas prior to his legislative service, Commissioner Kjellander was director of Boise State University's College of Applied Technology Distance Learning, where he earned tenured faculty status and served in various positions including program head of broadcast technology and station manager of BSU Radio Network;

Whereas while serving as a commissioner, Commissioner Kjellander became active in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and moved into leadership positions within the association;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander served on NARUC's Committee on Telecommunications, including serving as Chair and Vice Chair of the committee;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander also served on several telecommunications-related boards and task forces, including the "Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services" and the North American Numbering Council (NAN-C), which were among his most treasured activities;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander lent his time and leadership skills to other NARUC initiatives, including serving as President of the "National Council on Electricity Policy";

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander served on NARUC's Board of Directors and its Executive Committee;

Whereas in November 2020, Commissioner Kjellander was elected to serve as President of NARUC;

Whereas during his term as NARUC President, Commissioner Kjellander focused on a novel multi-year "theme" for the association of "Connecting the Dots" between innovative and disruptive technologies and effective regulation;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander's year as NARUC President coincided with year two of the Covid-19 pandemic making his Presidency a year "with all of the work and none of the perks;"

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander takes great joy in his family, his wife Radelle and their three children, each of whom followed in their father's footsteps as college soccer players, causing Paul and Radelle to spend countless hours on the road travelling to and from soccer events;

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander is an accomplished artist with works displayed in the Idaho State Capital building, and appearing on book and magazine covers; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Kjellander's easy-going demeanor and self-deprecating humor belie his talents, leadership, and contributions to NARUC and the regulatory community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2022 Winter Policy Summit extends its sincere gratitude to Paul Kjellander for his outstanding leadership as President of the Association, and for his continuous support for NARUC; *and be it further*

Resolved that his friends and former colleagues are pleased to wish Paul, and his family, the very best in all future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee

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