

## *Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Odogwu Obi Linton*

*Whereas* Odogwu Obi Linton served on the Maryland Public Service Commission as a Commissioner for approximately 6 years from 2017 to June 2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton began as a meter reader and engineering intern at Public Service Electric and Gas in New Jersey.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton first came to the Commission as a law intern and later clerked for the Honorable Evelyn Omega Cannon in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton was a Regulatory Attorney for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, where he specialized in consumer disputes and worked on the deregulation of the electric industry.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton rejoined the Commission five years later as Deputy Staff Counsel and led the Commission's Consumer Dispute Resolution Unit.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton later started his own law firm representing consumers, small businesses, and deregulated suppliers in litigation and transactional matters.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton returned to the Commission to serve as the Director of the Consumer Affairs Office where among several tasks he served as the Manager of the Commission's Supplier Diversity Program and led the process to adopt consumer protections for the electric and gas deregulated markets;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served as Chair for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Consumers and the Public Interest Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served on the NARUC Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resiliency and the Supplier and Workforce Diversity Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served as the founding Chair of the Staff Committee for NARUC's Supplier and Workforce Diversity (formerly the Utility Marketplace Access) Subcommittee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton has provided distinguished compassionate and dedicated leadership during his many years of public service to the citizens of his state as well as a valued resource to his fellow Commissioners;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton is a dedicated husband to his wife Stacy and is the father of three sons ;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies from Rutgers University;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton will be remembered at the Maryland Public Service Commission and by his many colleagues at NARUC, and by the numerous organizations in which he has served for his commitment to public service, as well as for his humility, kindness, and for his great sense of humor; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its November 2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Odogwu Obi Linton on his tenure at the Maryland Public Service Commission, thanks him for his leadership and friendship and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*