

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Julie I. Brown

Whereas Julie I. Brown served the citizens of the State of Florida as Commissioner of the Florida Public Service Commission since January 2, 2011, with great distinction; and served as Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission, from January 2016 to January 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Brown has put her extensive expertise to work for Floridians, drawing on her years of experience in law, utility regulation and public policy;

Whereas Commissioner Brown led the Commission's review and recommendations of Florida's electric utility storm-hardening actions after the catastrophic 2017 hurricane season, helping to minimize future storm impacts;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was elected in 2015 to serve on the Executive Committee of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition to help lead its membership efforts throughout the country, and served as Chair of the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee in 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners sitting on the Committee on Gas, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues–Waste Disposal, the Presidential Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resiliency, and the Presidential Natural Gas Access and Expansion Task Force;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was passionate about sharing her insight and expertise in disaster preparedness and utility reliability, including service on the Southern States Energy Board Blue Ribbon Task Force, a partnership project with the U.S. Department of Energy, to help strategize an electric energy policy and regulatory framework in Puerto Rico;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was an advocate for safety, reliability, resilience, affordability and environmental performance in the nation's natural gas infrastructure, and she served on the Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership between the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Energy;

Whereas Commissioner Brown Served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was appointed to serve on the Florida Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission to ensure the statewide observance of the 2020 centennial of women's suffrage;

Whereas Commissioner Brown has demonstrated the utmost respect for her colleagues on the Commission, the staff of the Commission, and the utility ratepayers of Florida, showing wisdom and foresight in her leadership; and

Whereas Commissioner Brown has been appointed by the Governor of Florida to the office of Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, charged with the duty of efficiently licensing and fairly regulating businesses and professionals in the State of Florida; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2021 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, congratulates Commissioner Brown on her successful and distinguished tenure at the Florida Public Service Commission as demonstrated by her dedication and commitment to the mission of the Commission to facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, and the Board expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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