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NARUC and State Utility Commissioners Encourage Communities to Honor MLK Day with Acts of Utility Service

Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve

WASHINGTON (January 14, 2022) — As Americans prepare to remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and public utility commissions across the nation encourage the public to observe MLK Day on January 17 as a day of community service. Since 2008, when the Association passed its resolution honoring Dr. King, this day is recognized as NARUC’s ‘Day of Utility Service.’

NARUC recommends that people find and engage in utility-related community service projects, find ways to help their neighbors or promote and practice energy conservation.

‘Although we are still in the midst of the pandemic, we should all seek out positive ways to recognize the legacy of Dr. King in service to others,’ said NARUC President Judith Williams Jagdmann of the Virginia State Corporation Commission. ‘We encourage everyone across the country to celebrate the day with acts of utility and community service.’

As part of its observance, NARUC promotes an ‘Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve’ campaign to demonstrate how to benefit communities through acts of conservation and basic lifestyle changes. Examples include adjusting thermostats, weatherization and installing energy-efficient lightbulbs and water-saving devices. More activities — many of which can be performed virtually — are available at https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day.

NARUC adopted the resolution designating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a Utility Day of Service at the Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., on February 20, 2008. The resolution is available at bit.ly/NARUCMLKDAY. Follow NARUC and related social media posts for MLK Day using the hashtags #MLKDAY, #DayOn and #UtilityService.

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