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NARUC and State Utility Commissioners Continue to Recognize MLK Day as A Day of Utility Service

Anybody Can Serve, So Let's Conserve

WASHINGTON (January 16, 2026) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and public utility commissions across the nation encourage members of the public to observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19 as a day of community and utility service. Since 2008, when the Association passed a resolution honoring Dr. King, NARUC has recognized the holiday as a 'Day of Utility Service.'

MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service, and NARUC encourages all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. This includes participating in utility-related community service projects, assisting neighbors and promoting energy and water conservation.

The slogan *Anybody Can Serve, So Let's Conserve* is based on the 2008 NARUC resolution, which states, in part:

RESOLVED, That Americans are encouraged to turn down the thermostat, weatherize their homes, change their incandescent light bulbs to energy-efficient bulbs, and install water-saving devices; and be it further.

RESOLVED, That Americans should take these utility initiatives not only in their homes, but throughout their communities.

"The legacy of Dr. King reminds us that everyone can be great because everyone can serve," said NARUC President Ann Rendahl of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. "MLK Day is a meaningful opportunity to put that message into action, by helping our neighbors, conserving resources and strengthening the communities we all depend on."

The resolution designating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a Utility Day of Service was adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors at the Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., on February 20, 2008. The resolution is available online 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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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.