

Resolution Honoring Patricia Poli of Michigan

Whereas Patricia (Pat) Poli completed her five-year tenure as Chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability in 2017;

Whereas Pat showed superior leadership and exceptional organizational skills in her role as subcommittee chair, working tirelessly to populate various committees of the North American Electric Reliability Cooperation with Commissioners and staff, including serving several terms on the Operating Committee herself;

Whereas Pat personified the electric grid's redundancy by bringing at least one, and sometimes two, backup copies of speaker slide decks to NARUC conferences;

Whereas Pat provided multiple educational opportunities for her fellow regulators to enrich their understanding of electric reliability;

Whereas Pat has been a trailblazer and an inspiration to her colleagues in her 30-plus years in the field of energy policy;

Whereas Pat began her pursuit of academic excellence by earning a Bachelor's degree in Geological Engineering from Michigan Technological University;

Whereas Pat found her regulatory calling by joining the Michigan Public Service Commission in 1989;

Whereas Pat began her career as a Gas Safety Engineer;

Whereas Pat's evolution at the Michigan Public Service Commission then took her from gas safety to energy efficiency to renewables;

Whereas then Michigan Commissioner Greg White elevated her to be his confidential advisor;

Whereas Commissioner White often stated that hiring Pat was not only the first decision he made as a Commissioner, but was also the very best decision he ever made as a Commissioner;

Whereas Pat then served as confidential advisor for Michigan Commissioner Rachael Eubanks;

Whereas Pat became the manager of the Energy Waste Reduction Section at the Michigan Public Service Commission in 2017;

Whereas Pat serves a mentor to her fellow staff, challenging them to maximize their skills and talents to best serve the public interest;

Whereas Pat is active in her local community by volunteering for Meals on Wheels;

Whereas Pat is a kind and thoughtful spirit who enriches her workplace and makes the Michigan Public Service Commission a family;

Whereas Pat is the epitome of a dedicated public servant and is a beacon of professionalism, dedication, and hearty work ethic;

Whereas Pat is a wife and a proud mother of two;

Whereas Pat is an avid bicyclist and backpacker;

Whereas Pat is a healthy-eating and -living evangelist; *and*

Whereas Pat, nevertheless, raids the office communal candy dishes daily for chocolate, often under the guise that the chocolate is for someone else; *now, therefore, be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2018 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., extends its congratulations and thanks to Patricia Poli for her service to the national regulatory community, and that the entire NARUC community wishes Pat the very best in all her future endeavors.

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