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NARUC and State Utility Regulators Observe Fix-A-Leak Week: March 16-22

WASHINGTON (March 16, 2020) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and its members encourage people across the United States to help find and fix household water leaks during **Fix-A-Leak Week**, March16-22, 2020.

The annual U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense initiative promotes water efficiency and conservation through a nationwide call to action for everyone to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. An average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted annually and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste at least 90 gallons daily. WaterSense puts the overall annual water wasted at more than **1 trillion** gallons.

NARUC's members — state utility commissions — are partnering in this outreach effort in their communities through social media, press releases and links to the educational resources on the WaterSense website to help individuals and communities become more water efficient. NARUC has supported the program each year since 2008.

According to the WaterSense website, <u>https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week</u>, checking for leaks is not complicated and correcting leaks can save consumers nearly 10 percent on water bills. The website also has videos, leak detection guides and more information to help locate costly leaks, both inside or outside of the home.

"Each of us is able to participate in this national effort to become more water efficient," said NARUC President Brandon Presley of Mississippi. "We can all help preserve one of our most precious natural resources and reduce water bills by being more efficient. NARUC members are pleased to support this WaterSense initiative through our resolution, communications and personal action in our homes."

The resolution, passed by NARUC's board of directors at the 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., endorsing the WaterSense Fix-A-Leak Week program, is available at <u>http://bit.ly/NARUC2020fixaleakweek</u>.

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About NARUC

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.