

Resolution Honoring  
**Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé**

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*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé, having been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist and re-appointed by Governor Rick Scott, after serving seven years as a commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé's current and final term expires on January 1, 2018; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé is a proud member of the self-described "Team Florida"; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé is admired and respected by his fellow Florida Commissioners—Chairman Julie I. Brown, Art Graham, Donald J. Polmann, and Gary F. Clark—for his calm demeanor, objectivity, kindness, and ability to make tough decisions with compassion, carefully weighing the outcomes for all parties; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé began his career as a respectable and well-regarded science teacher before his metamorphosis into a State Representative for District 108 in South Florida where he was also a member of the Florida House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé has had a keen interest in utility-related issues since a utility transmission pole was practically installed in his front yard; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé served as the Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of IPIP, an international telecommunications firm based in North Miami, Florida (not to be confused with IHOP); and

*WHEREAS*, as evidenced by his involvement as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Executive Committee's Board of Directors, Committees on Telecommunications and International Relations, Subcommittee on Utility Market Access, chair of Telecommunications Act Modernization Task Force, and member of the Federalism Task Force, the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service of the Federal Communications Commission, Commissioner Brisé has never met a committee he did not like; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé more than adequately represented the interests of NARUC while testifying before the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, & the Internet, in support of improving the accountability and effectiveness of the Lifeline program; and

*WHEREAS*, as the former President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), Commissioner Brisé initiated and headlined the SEARUC College Tour Series to encourage college-aged students to consider careers in the utility industry; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé worked tirelessly to ensure public confidence in fairness of the regulatory process; and

*WHEREAS*, he was always dynamic, facilitating a collegial work environment with the goal of serving the public interest; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé through his hard work, active engagement, positive attitude, and selfless service has earned the respect of his colleagues in Commissions across the country, industry representatives, and Florida consumers.

*WHEREAS*, he gladly participated in public events to help the public better understand the nature of our work and that we serve all communities as a whole, not just a specific few; and

*WHEREAS*, Commissioner Brisé's incredible language prowess, as he is fluent in English, Spanish, and Creole, helped bridge language and cultural gaps and opened up opportunities for the Florida PSC with the public, making the process inclusive for all; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Brisé for his service to NARUC, the State of Florida, and American ratepayers.