

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, Garry Brown has served the citizens of the State of New York as Chairman of the Public Service Commission from 2008 to 2013, and then as Commissioner through February 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, he has more than 35 years of experience in the public, private and not-for-profit electricity and utility sectors; and

WHEREAS, he had been a Senior Policy Analyst for the former New York State Energy Office, which had been charged with developing a sustainable and sound energy policy and promoting energy efficiency, while protecting the environment and fostering economic development; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman, he supported the further improvement and development of energy efficiency programs, specifically, the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard and demand response programs, recognizing these as critically important for the State's energy future, as energy efficiency is a cost-effective and an immediate way to reduce energy costs for all customers; and

WHEREAS, he also supported the development of available renewable energy resources in order to increase fuel diversity, including New York's Renewable Portfolio Standard, approval of wind farms and the expansion of funding for solar development; and

WHEREAS, he knew the importance of monitoring and reviewing utility actions in order to protect residential and business customers and, to this end, reviewed utilities' preparations and responses to major storms; directed staff to develop Gas Safety Performance Measures in order to assess damage prevention, emergency response, and leak management, as well as to review stray voltage safety standards to ensure that the public was not put at risk from instances of stray voltage; and

WHEREAS, he enhanced the management and operational audit program for regulated companies, viewing the auditing of a utility company's management and processes as an essential device in the regulatory tool box, in order to focus on identifying improvements in the companies' structures and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued 4,310 orders during his tenure as Chairman, and

WHEREAS, he willingly shared his expertise and wisdom in his role as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and Chair of the Electricity Committee at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, as well as through his service on the Board of Directors of numerous organizations including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the New York State Siting Board, the NARUC-FERC Smart Grid Collaborative, and the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, he is an avid golfer, trivia enthusiast, a die-hard Buffalo Bills fan, and thinks nothing of driving in a blizzard having been born and raised in the Buffalo suburb of Williamsville; it is

RESOLVED, that the New York State Public Service Commission expresses its deepest appreciation to Garry Brown for his dedicated leadership of the New York State Public Service Commission and his faithful service to the citizens of the State of New York as demonstrated by his unwavering commitment to the mission of the Commission to ensure safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for New York's residential and business consumers.

Chair _____

Commissioners _____

*At a session of the Public Service Commission
Held on February 5, 2015, in the City of Albany*

Secretary