

Resolution

Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board

In Honor of Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston

- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** has announced his decision to retire from his Governing Board appointment and distinguished service as the state of Ohio's Consumers' Counsel for representing residential utility consumers; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** began his public service at the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel when he was hired as a legal intern in 1978 by the agency's first Consumers' Counsel (William Spratley); and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** was active in the telephone committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates in the 1980's and, in that regard, presented argument on behalf of telephone consumers in 1987 at the United States District Court (District of Columbia) in the Court's review of the earlier divestiture of AT&T; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** represented consumers with OCC colleagues in many notable cases and issues for the agency including protecting consumers from charges for construction costs for the unfinished Zimmer nuclear power plant in 1981; protecting consumers from charges in the Centerior emergency cases in 1988; and seeking to protect consumers from a bailout for FirstEnergy in tainted House Bill 6 in 2019; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** was appointed by the Governing Board as the fourth Consumers' Counsel in 2012, after being appointed as the interim Consumers' Counsel in 2011 and as the Deputy Consumers' Counsel in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** provided invaluable advice and counsel to the Consumers' Counsel Governing Board, to Board Chairs Michael Watkins, Gene Krebs, John Moliterno, and Jerome Solove, and to the agency's staff for serving and protecting Ohio's residential utility consumers; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** has served Ohio residential utility consumers for nearly thirty-three years during two tours of duty at the agency as part of a nearly forty-five-year career; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston**, during his career with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, advanced the agency's mission to "advocate and educate to secure for Ohioans affordable, reliable and equitable residential utility services that are essential to their well-being;" and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston**, during his career with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, advanced the agency's vision "To be an independent voice of Ohio residential consumers, including at-risk communities, for achieving justice, equity and regulatory reform regarding their utility services;" and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** performed his public service with distinction and in fulfillment of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's core values of justice, excellence, respect, communications, and integrity, and was committed to "doing the right thing" for Ohioans; and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** is the recipient of the Outstanding Public Service Award for 2023, by The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs, for "exemplary public service to the citizens of Ohio over the course of a distinguished career;" and
- WHEREAS, Bruce Weston** previously has been honored with two resolutions by the Governing Board in 1992 for his public service; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Board of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel would like to publicly acknowledge the courage in leadership, the tireless efforts and the countless contributions of **Bruce Weston** to the agency's services for protecting millions of Ohio residential utility consumers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel commends **Bruce Weston** for his outstanding and honorable public service to Ohio residential utility consumers, to the Governing Board and to the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on this thirty-first day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-three, the Governing Board of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel wishes **Bruce Weston** success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.


Signed this 31st day of May, 2023, by the Governing Board of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel:

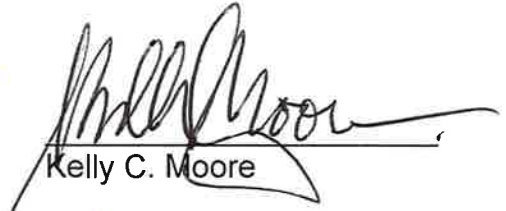

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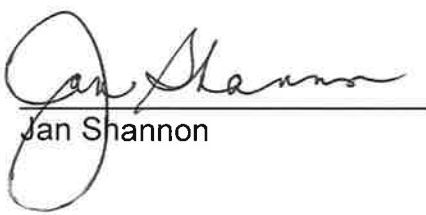

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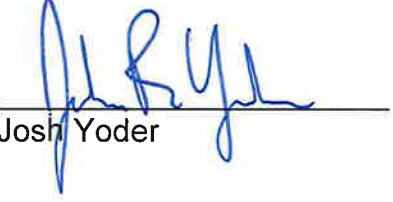

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