Governing Board

In Honor of David Bergmann upon his retirement

- WHEREAS. David Bergmann has won statewide and national recognition as a proud and persistent voice for consumers, providing the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel with exemplary service for the past 29 years; and WHEREAS, David Bergmann has served since 1992 as the OCC's telecommunications counsel in the Department of Legal Services and has been a guiding voice, participating in hundreds of cases before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) at the federal level and at the Ohio Supreme Court; and WHEREAS, David Bergmann served the OCC as Legal Director from 1986 to 1992 after representing Ohioans as a consumer attorney and later as a supervising attorney; and David Bergmann has advocated on behalf of Ohioans nationwide WHEREAS, as the chair for the NASUCA telecommunications committee and argued many cases before the Federal Communications Commission; and WHEREAS, David Bergmann has spent a major portion of his career speaking out on behalf of low-income customers and was instrumental in the development of the original Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and WHEREAS, **David Bergmann** has been the recipient of two prestigious national awards: The "Golden Phone Award," given by Community Voicemail, for his work with the federal Universal Service Fund and Lifeline, and the "Outstanding Service Award" given by NASUCA for his advocacy for consumers in more than 40 states; and WHEREAS, David Bergmann has the respect of all who work with him as a tireless voice of reason and as a "father figure" to his OCC colleagues who unanimously consider David to be a mentor, a leader and above all, a friend; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel commends David Bergmann for thee decades of advocacy on behalf of consumers in Ohio and throughout the United States; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this 19th Day of July in the year two thousand and eleven, the Governing Board of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel wishes David Bergmann success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

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