



RESOLUTION

Establishment of the Groundwater Protection Council's Michel J. Paque Distinguished Service Award and Recognition of Michel J. Paque's Service to the Council

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Protection Council (GWPC) Board of Directors desires to establish an award to recognize individuals for distinguished service to the GWPC and outstanding contributions to the protection of groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Michel J. Paque served as the only Executive Director of the GWPC from its inception in 1983 until March 1, 2022, a tenure of thirty-nine years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, during the time of Michel J. Paque's leadership, the GWPC has become known and respected for its many contributions and initiatives directed at the protection of groundwater resources and has served as an organization that has provided significant benefit to its member states and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Michel J. Paque, serving as Executive Director of GWPC, has made numerous and significant individual contributions to the protection of groundwater resources and to the overall success of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Michel J. Paque retired as Executive Director of the GWPC in March of 2022 after his distinguished career in this role, leaving a successful, robust, vibrant, and financially sound organization for his successor; and

WHEREAS, the GWPC Board of Directors wishes to honor Michel J. Paque for his service in a significant and lasting way; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Protection Council hereby establishes the Groundwater Protection Council Michel J. Paque Distinguished Service Award to be awarded on a periodic basis to a state groundwater regulator that best exemplifies GWPC's mission to facilitate protection of the nation's groundwater resources and for dedicated service to GWPC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Protection Council, assembled in Gulf Shores, Alabama on April 4th, 2022, does hereby confer upon Michel J. Paque the inaugural Groundwater Protection Council Michel J. Paque Distinguished Service Award and expresses its deep appreciation to Michel J. Paque for distinguished service to GWPC and his outstanding contribution to the protection of groundwater resources; conveys its genuine admiration and fondness for Michel J. Paque on both personal and professional levels; and wishes Michel J. Paque the very best as he enters a well-deserved retirement.