

RESOLUTION 2020-02

A Resolution on the Retirement of Judy Cooper

WHEREAS, the objectives of Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR), a section of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), include fostering the development of better rule writing skills and rule review techniques, and developing more effective management of the rule promulgation process, particularly in the publication of administrative codes and registers and public access to and involvement in the rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS, Judy Cooper, Manager for the Administrative Law Division for West Virginia retired October 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1995 she started working for the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 she was promoted to her longstanding role of Manager of Administrative Law; and

WHEREAS, for most of her tenure was deemed the “Rules Queen” by her colleagues and those from all rule-making agencies with the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, she trained in sign language and is an interpreter for the deaf for the Capital and her church; and

WHEREAS, as a forward-thinker with a driving force for technological advancement and for public accessibility, ensured that every rule that was boxed or filed in the remote reaches of storage was scanned and indexed for instant retrieval; and

WHEREAS, as technology advanced, she harnessed the power of the internet allowing rules in various stages of the rule-making process as

well as the State Register fully searchable online, allowing both state agencies and the public easy access to the most current information about rulemaking; and

WHEREAS, her last major contribution was her focus on eRules, the filing of all rules online, which saved the government hundreds of thousands of dollars in supply costs and labor. She fought for the passage of House Bill 2567, which allowed electronic filing and was also at the forefront of setting up the eRules system, used by a select few agencies this year, 2020;

WHEREAS, in 2019 she marked thirty (34) years of dedicated service with the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, she attended many ACR conferences starting in 1997 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, she served ACR for the 2011 Program Committee for the Summer conference at Glade Springs, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Judy is dearly loved and respected not only by the staff of the Secretary of State's office, but by those she worked with and helped in other state Agencies and NASS-ACR for many years.; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 she graces us with her charm, gracious presence, drive, and wisdom gathered from her colorful career serving the great Mountain State of West Virginia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of ACR extend their deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Judy Cooper for her dedication and active membership and service to ACR; recognizing her significant professional achievements on behalf of the State of West Virginia; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon majority vote of the membership in attendance, and upon passage, this resolution be recorded and spread upon the permanent minutes of the ACR business meeting and that it be sent to Judy Cooper, to share with her family and friends.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2020, at the National Association of Secretaries of State Administrative Codes and Registers Virtual Annual Summer Conference.

Chris Coffman, Oklahoma
2018-2020 ACR President

Deanna Maiolo, Colorado
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