A Resolution Endorsing the Model Policy of the Federation of State Medical Boards on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Pain

WHEREAS, use of opioid analgesics is essential for the medical treatment of pain in many patients; and

WHEREAS, opioid analgesics have potential for abuse and many are federal and/or state controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) is committed to a "balanced" approach to drug control, in which abuse prevention does not interfere with drug availability for legitimate medical, scientific and research purposes; and

WHEREAS, the continuing medical and scientific reassessment of the use of opioid analgesics for pain is resulting in changes in clinical practice and state regulatory policies; and

WHEREAS, the "Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Pain" was adopted by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., in July 2013;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NASCSA endorses the "Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Pain" of the Federation of State Medical Boards as a reasonable set of principles to guide healthcare professionals as well as regulators and law enforcement.

ATTEST: __________________________

President

Date: October 24, 2014