WHEREAS, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high; more Americans (6.8 million) currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens; and

WHEREAS, as more attention is being focused on the alarming rates of prescription drug misuse and abuse, proper disposal of unused medications has been identified as one method of prevention; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations have been finalized and a number of legislative bodies in various states, districts and territories have enacted laws that require the safe disposal of medications; and

WHEREAS, many of these laws require boards of pharmacy, controlled substance authorities and other health care related entities to adopt rules to implement proper medication disposal;

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA) develop a position statement, model rules, or other appropriate efforts to assist the controlled substance authorities, boards of pharmacy and other healthcare entities to provide the public with an environmentally responsible and secure means to dispose of drugs.

ATTEST: ____________________________

President

Date: October 24, 2014