WHEREAS, studies have shown that the largest increase in HIV/AIDS and other blood borne diseases are related to illicit intravenous drug use; and

WHEREAS, the restricted availability of sterile needles and syringes has been demonstrated to encourage the sharing of needles and syringes by illicit drug users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to better protect the public health by seeking to decrease the transmission of blood borne diseases, the membership of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities encourage legislators and other regulatory agencies to revise laws and regulations to permit the sale and distribution of sterile needles and syringes without a prescription.

ATTEST: __________________________

President

Date: __________________________