A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MERGING OF THE ALLIANCE OF STATES WITH PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAMS AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AUTHORITIES AND TO PRESENT OPTIONS

WHEREAS, the number of states with Prescription Monitoring Programs has grown dramatically;

WHEREAS, many states with Prescription Monitoring Programs are also members of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities;

WHEREAS, topics addressed at the Alliance meeting could be addressed at the NASCSA meeting;

WHEREAS, state budgets continue to be severely constrained; a combining of the meetings would allow for a shorter time away from the job and reduce costs;

WHEREAS, the level of complexity of programs and funding mechanisms continues to evolve;

WHEREAS, with the advent of federal legislation there is a need for a dedicated resource to provide support to member states and be a recognized resource for presenting state concerns and needs to federal entities and others;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs form a joint committee to study the merging of the two groups and propose options to be considered at the 2006 Conferences.