WHEREAS, the purpose of The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) is to provide a continuing mechanism through which states, federal agencies and others can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse; and,

WHEREAS, evidence has shown unwanted and/or unneeded pharmaceutical products stored in residential households and long-term care facilities have contributed to drug overdoses, diversion to family or associates, increases in childhood poisonings, and increased healthcare costs; and,

WHEREAS, pharmaceutical “take-back” or other return programs can reduce availability of and thus diversion of dispensed controlled substances; and,

WHEREAS, conflicting regulations among federal regulatory agencies (DEA, DOT, EPA, USPS, FDA) and the various states’ regulations restrict the implementation of effective pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs; and,

WHEREAS, current federal regulations prohibit non-registrants from returning medications to a DEA registrant for collection, consolidation, and/or transportation for ultimate destruction; and,

WHEREAS, federal agencies can provide appropriate waivers, exemptions, and regulatory amendments to permit pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NASCSA supports the implementation of coordinated legislation and regulation among the common states to promote the safe, efficient, and effective destruction of pharmaceuticals through pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs by the states for public safety purposes; and, that NASCSA supports the
involvement of the federal and state agencies in working with state pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs to develop programs with common regulatory attributes; and, that NASCSA supports the collaboration of state and federal agencies to resolve and remove the regulatory barriers for states to establish effective pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs for ultimate destruction.

ATTEST:__________________________

President

Date:_____________________________