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**NASCSA Resolution 2011-09**  
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**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO PLACE SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS NOT APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) CONTAINED IN PRODUCTS MARKETED UNDER SUCH NAMES AS “K2/SPICE” INTO SCHEDULE I OF THE US CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT; AND TO ENCOURAGE STATES TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION**

- WHEREAS,** certain products containing synthetic cannabinoids that mimic the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana are being promoted as a legal alternative to marijuana;
- WHEREAS,** these synthetic cannabinoids are often marketed as herbal incense or herbal smoking blends and are readily available at retail locations such as shops specializing in drug paraphernalia, convenience stores, gas stations, truck stops and through the internet;
- WHEREAS,** smoking such products can cause adverse reactions similar to the effects of marijuana such as chest pain, heart palpitations, agitation, drowsiness, panic attacks, hallucinations, delusions, nausea/vomiting, dilated pupils, seizures, dizziness, and confusion;
- WHEREAS,** many countries have already banned the sale of certain synthetic cannabinoids;
- WHEREAS,** the DEA temporarily placed five synthetic cannabinoids into Schedule I of the of Controlled Substances Act and many states have done the same;
- WHEREAS,** modifications to the chemicals currently controlled by DEA and various states result in substances that have similar psychoactive properties as marijuana;
- WHEREAS,** most states as well as DEA do not have laws and regulations in place to control the new modified compounds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) encourages DEA to place synthetic cannabinoids not approved by FDA, permanently into Schedule I of the US Controlled Substances Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that states place controls on synthetic cannabinoids using language that encompasses possible chemical modifications



ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: October 21, 2011

President