

The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SUBMIT DISPENSING DATA TO STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS,** prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing drug problem in the United States;
- WHEREAS,** prescription drug abuse is reported to occur at a higher rate among active duty military, retired military, and veterans than the rest of the population;
- WHEREAS,** military members, veterans and their families receive medical care in civilian facilities as well as military facilities;
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities dispense controlled substances to military personnel and their family members;
- WHEREAS,** state prescription monitoring programs collect data on dispensed controlled substances from licensed dispensers within their respective states to assist prescribers and dispensers in making informed treatment and dispensing decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities hereby supports the passage of federal legislation authorizing the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to submit dispensing data on controlled substances to state prescription monitoring programs and to authorize prescribers and dispensers within their systems to utilize such programs in making treatment and dispensing decisions.



ATTEST: _____
President

Date: October 21, 2011