A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DETAILED REPORTING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES INVOLVING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

WHEREAS, the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs across the United States is of epidemic proportions and is a serious public health concern;

WHEREAS, there is a threat to the public health due to the diversion of prescription drugs from criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for current and detailed information to more accurately detect trends and patterns of abuse and criminal behavior involving prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, criminal offenses such as armed robberies, driving while impaired, burglaries, diversion from health care facilities and other related offenses often do not include information where prescription drugs are involved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) convene a work group to examine the issue in more detail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA is hereby authorized by the organization to communicate with applicable agencies including but not limited to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the US Department of Justice, the need for law enforcement agencies to provide more detailed reporting of criminal offenses involving prescription drugs and to evaluate the prevalence of prescription drug abuse in various jurisdictions.

ATTEST:__________________________
             President

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