A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THE U.S. DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN FROM SUBSTANDARD, INEFFECTIVE, AND COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

WHEREAS, illegally operating drug outlets, including rogue internet markets continue to facilitate trade in substandard, ineffective, and counterfeit drugs which enter the U.S. drug supply chain; and

WHEREAS, substandard, ineffective, and counterfeit prescription drug products, including controlled substances continue to penetrate the U.S. drug supply chain and pose a serious public health concern; and

WHEREAS, various states have established requirements related to the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs, including the requirement for a drug pedigree, for the purpose of preventing substandard, ineffective, and counterfeit drugs from entering the U.S. drug supply chain; and

WHEREAS, a drug pedigree is a statement of origin that identifies each prior sale, purchase, or trade of a drug, including the date of those transactions and the names and addresses of all parties to the transaction as a means of protecting the U.S. drug supply chain;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) supports uniform federal, state, local and international regulatory and law enforcement efforts to track and trace, including electronically, prescription drugs and controlled substances back to the first sale by the manufacturer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA supports the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) or comparable initiatives to certify wholesale distributors and internet pharmacy practice sites.

ATTEST: __________________________

President

Date: _______________