A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING JURISDICTIONS TO ADOPT PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS THAT UTILIZE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR INTEGRATION WITH HEALTH SYSTEM APPLICATIONS, PHARMACY SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS AND HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES

WHEREAS, Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs assist prescribers and dispensers to make informed treatment and dispensing decisions;

WHEREAS, Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs are currently underutilized by prescribers and dispensers due to workflow integration issues;

WHEREAS, Pilot programs studying the integration of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data with various health information technology platforms reported the pilot integrations to be well received by healthcare professionals who found that the integration provided crucial information in a timely manner; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) recommends to legislatures and regulatory agencies in all jurisdictions that they evaluate the adequacy of existing laws and regulations pertaining to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA recommends that where necessary, jurisdictions pursue legislation and regulatory remedies and provide resources to enable more effective efforts to promote and implement integration capabilities for all Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.

ATTEST: ________________________________
President

Date: October 25, 2013