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National Association of State  
Controlled Substances Authorities

**NASCSA Resolution 2014-06**  
**October, 2014**  
**Savannah, GA**

**A Resolution Encouraging Jurisdictions to Provide Drug Diversion Training to Law Enforcement Personnel, Establish Drug Diversion Prevention Programs and Establish Drug Diversion Investigation Units**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA) is to provide a continuing mechanism through which states, federal agencies and others can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent drug abuse and drug diversion; and

**WHEREAS**, the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs across the United States is an acute public health problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversion of prescription drugs, specifically controlled substances, from legitimate manufacturing, distribution and healthcare channels, is a source of misused and abused drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, drug diversion often remains unreported or undetected because law enforcement officers and personnel often do not possess the requisite knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for law enforcement officers and personnel to be knowledgeable about drug diversion and identify it when it occurs with other criminal and non-criminal activity including armed robberies, burglaries and driving while impaired; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement personnel often lack formal training on drug diversion; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement personnel must recognize criminal versus non-criminal activity related to drug diversion to investigate such activities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NASCSA strongly encourages law enforcement agencies to train or provide access to sufficient training for their officers and personnel to identify and recognize drug diversion activity and to take appropriate action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA also encourages jurisdictions to establish drug diversion prevention programs that:

- a. Educate youth, parents, educators, and law enforcement personnel about controlled substances and drug diversion;
- b. Deter drug diversion; and
- c. Compile from, and share relevant data, including Prescription Drug Monitoring Program dispensing data, law enforcement reports, criminal records, etc., with appropriate federal, state and local authorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA encourages each state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States to establish drug diversion investigative units to enforce drug diversion laws, conduct drug diversion investigations and assist with the prosecution of healthcare professionals and others involved in the diversion of controlled substances.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rafael O.", written in a cursive style.

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

Date: October 24, 2014