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National Association of State  
Controlled Substances Authorities

**NASCSA Resolution 2014-09**  
**October 2014**  
**Savannah, Georgia**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LAWS REGARDING THE EXPANDED USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS**

**WHEREAS**, unintentional drug overdose is now considered to be a leading cause of preventable death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these overdose deaths are preventable through the timely provision of relatively inexpensive, safe and effective opioid overdose medications, (opioid antagonists); and

**WHEREAS**, bystanders may avoid reporting such overdoses for fear of self-incrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30 states and jurisdictions have yet to enact some form of law expanding the use of opioid antagonists;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA) supports the passage of legislation in states, commonwealths, districts or territories of the United States that permit health care professionals to prescribe, dispense or personally furnish an opioid antagonist to any person who has reason to believe he or she may encounter or experience an overdose situation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA supports systems that promote qualified emergency responders, who have received training to obtain, possess and administer opioid antagonists; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA supports the removal of criminal and civil liabilities from prescribers, emergency responders, and bystanders who administer an opioid antagonist in good faith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA encourages bystanders to contact emergency services to provide life-saving interventions without the threat of self-incrimination.

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

Date: October 24, 2014