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- WHEREAS**, the purpose of The National Association of State Controlled Substances 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 prescription drug abuse; and,
- WHEREAS**, evidence has shown unwanted and/or unneeded pharmaceutical products stored in residential households and long-term care facilities have contributed to drug overdoses, diversion to family or associates, increases in childhood poisonings, and increased healthcare costs; and,
- WHEREAS**, pharmaceutical “take-back” or other return programs can reduce availability of and thus diversion of dispensed controlled substances; and,
- WHEREAS**, conflicting regulations among federal regulatory agencies (DEA, DOT, EPA, USPS, FDA) and the various states’ regulations restrict the implementation of effective pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs; and,
- WHEREAS**, current federal regulations prohibit non-registrants from returning medications to a DEA registrant for collection, consolidation, and/or transportation for ultimate destruction; and,
- WHEREAS**, **federal agencies** can provide appropriate waivers, exemptions, and regulatory amendments to permit pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**
that NASCSA supports the implementation of coordinated legislation and regulation among the common states to promote the safe, efficient, and effective destruction of pharmaceuticals through pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs by the states for public safety purposes; and, that NASCSA supports the

involvement of the federal and state agencies in working with state pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs to develop programs with common regulatory attributes; and, that NASCSA supports the collaboration of state and federal agencies to resolve and remove the regulatory barriers for states to establish effective pharmaceutical take-back or other return programs for ultimate destruction.

ATTEST: _____
President

Date: _____