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**NASCSA Resolution 2010- 08**  
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**A Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Medication Collection and Disposal Programs**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities 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;

**WHEREAS**, unused and unwanted pharmaceuticals and other medications are being indefinitely stored, which can lead to poisoning or abuse, or improperly disposed by flushing down the toilet or drain, which may lead to negative environmental impacts; and,

**WHEREAS**, medications should not be flushed down the toilet or drain unless the label or patient information instructs doing so; and,

**WHEREAS**, Federal guidelines encourage consumers to take advantage of community pharmaceutical take-back programs for central collection and disposal; however, such programs are not widely available to most residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, abuse of prescription drugs is a leading cause of poisoning and death;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NASCSA supports the implementation of medication collection and disposal programs that meet local, state, and federal regulations, that provide safe, convenient, low-cost or no-cost service to residents, and that use environmentally sound means of disposing of collected medications; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NASCSA encourages the promotion and funding of collection programs that meet the needs of citizens on a permanent year-round basis; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NASCSA recommends that there be an enforcement process established for programs that do not properly follow existing Controlled Substance Act protocol; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities directs the Executive Committee to send a letter to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration offering the assistance of NASCSA members in the development of regulations for medical collection and disposal programs.

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

Date: October 22, 2010