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RESOLUTION ON SIMPLIFICATION AND AUTOMATION OF THE GRANTS PROCESS

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WHEREAS, The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act (Public Law 106-107) was signed into law on November 20, 1999, and requires the Federal government to improve the delivery of services to the public by improving the effectiveness and performance of Federal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, work being done at the Federal level to undertake simplification of the grants process is now inextricably intertwined with efforts already underway to automate the grant process; and

WHEREAS, States are a major stakeholders in the grants process and simplification and automation efforts will not be successful without input of state and other government stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, additional regulation and requirements to implement provisions of P.L. 106-107 may be forthcoming and could affect current grant processes in the states; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent in keeping up with fiduciary responsibilities as financial managers and public servants to be proactive in the pursuit of reforms designed to increase efficiency by streamlining cumbersome processes and easing administrative burdens on grantors and grantees; and

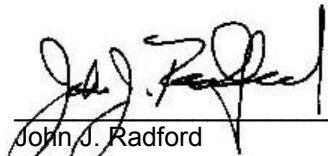
WHEREAS, reforms affecting the budgeting and granting of government dollars should be vetted by those with experience in accounting and auditing; and

WHEREAS, governmental financial managers possess the expertise and knowledge to assist in implementing intergovernmental and financial management reforms; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers supports streamlining and simplifying the grants process and will take a proactive role in participating in the development and implementation of grant reforms that do not unduly burden state government;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, will contact the Department of Health and Human Services and other appropriate federal agencies and officials to offer assistance in streamlining and automation efforts and to lend its expertise, as appropriate, on issues that will achieve the stated objective(s) of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act.

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