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RESOLUTION #13 - PRISONER SAFETY

WHEREAS, the safety and protection of the public, correctional staff, and inmates committed to our custody is the primary mission of corrections;

WHEREAS, correctional administrators are committed to preventing inmates from being abused by other inmates or by staff;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional administrators condemns all forms of inmate violence;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators believes any form of staff abuse of inmates is wrong;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators promotes prevention programs that will guard against sexual abuse by inmates or by staff;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators advocates official sanctions for such acts where supported by the evidence as well as prosecution when appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators advocates programs and services to assist inmates who have been the victims of sexual abuse in prisons;

WHEREAS, a National Prison Rape Reduction Commission has been created and charged with developing standards to enhance detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators has participated in the implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act's provisions;

WHEREAS, the Association has interest in promoting effective standards and approaches to the prevention of such abuse that take into account the unique challenges of correctional operations;

WHEREAS, there are other associations who have interest in the standards and approaches to the prevention of such abuse, including the American Correctional Association;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators supports performance measuring and standard setting in corrections;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators works collaboratively and effectively with regard to the development, implementation and maintenance of correctional standards with the American Correctional Association and other professional associations;

WHEREAS, the Association of State Correctional Administrators has much to offer to the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission in developing relevant, appropriate and workable standards with regard to sexual abuse in corrections agencies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of State Correctional Administrators work collaboratively with the American Correctional Association, and other appropriate professional associations in formulating and recommending to the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission, a set of professional standards to enhance prevention, detection, punishment, and overall reduction of prison rape.

Adopted by the Association of State Correctional Administrators - April 15, 2005.