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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HEALTH
OF INDIVIDUALS CROSSING INTERNATIONAL BORDERS**

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly apparent in recent years that there is significant loss of life and injury related to environmental exposures in people coming into the United States across international borders; and

WHEREAS, surveillance is inadequate to determine both the numbers of individuals crossing borders and the degree to which they need help:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of County and City Health Officials develop relationships with the INS, the U.S. Border Patrol, and state and local health jurisdictions, especially in the border regions where loss of life occurs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that surveillance and rescue efforts be developed in those areas of high risk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACCHO, ASTHO, human rights organizations, and other concerned constituencies reassess national immigration and border policies.

*Adopted by NACCHO Board of Directors
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