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RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED FEDERAL INTERNET GAMING LEGISLATION
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WHEREAS, the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) strongly supports the proper regulation of Internet gaming; and

WHEREAS, NCLGS has numerous concerns relating to Internet gaming, in areas of public policy, state revenue, and the protection of state residents; and

WHEREAS, NCLGS believes that decisions relating to Internet gaming should be made by the citizens of the states and their elected officials; and

WHEREAS, states historically have the ability to decide the types of gaming to be conducted within their borders; and

WHEREAS, states have the right to regulate and tax that gaming and provide consumer protections to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Internet Gambling Prohibition, Poker Consumer Protection and Strengthening UIGEA Act of 2012, sponsored by Senators Harry Reid (NV) and Jon Kyl (AZ), would preempt that state authority; and

WHEREAS, the bill would create an unnecessary federal gaming licensing regime and bifurcate authority over regulation of gaming; and

WHEREAS, during these difficult financial times, the bill would put at risk critical revenues derived from state-regulated gaming; and

WHEREAS, the bill would jeopardize important consumer protections available in the states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NCLGS supports states' authority to determine what types of gaming to be allowed within their borders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NCLGS affirms states' ability to regulate and tax gaming within their borders and protect the security of their citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NCLGS opposes any federal legislation that would diminish state policymakers' authority over gaming within their individual states; and

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senators Kyl, Reid, and other Members of Congress, as well as chairs of legislative gaming committees in the states.