

## - In Support of the National Center for State Courts' Courting Justice Series -

WHEREAS, currently in the United States there is a significant amount of concern and debate about the equity of the Justice System; and

WHEREAS, it is the tradition of the Country to encourage fair and open discussion on topics of concern to the populace; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the provision of justice that the public understand the system and believe it and the officials within it to be fair; and

WHEREAS, it is through debate, discussion, and contemplation that the system is improved; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts, in partnership with the State Justice Institute, Tavis Smiley, and the Public Broadcasting System have endeavored to provide an arena for this important discussion, through the *Courting Justice* series; and

WHEREAS, this series engages the public with supreme, appellate and trial court judges from across the country, discussing perspectives on how the U.S. judicial system can more effectively deliver justice for all; and

WHEREAS, this series has been favorably received by the Public, in turn encouraging private discussions on this important topic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for Court Management expresses its admiration and gratitude toward the National Center for State Courts, the State Justice Institute, Tavis Smiley, and the Public Broadcasting System for producing this important series and thereby providing a forum through which to address these critical topics.