



# National Association for Court Management

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## **Creating a Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of State Court Administrators Opiate/Opioid Abuse Task Force and Calling on the Federal and State Governments to Increase the Resources Available to Combat the Opiate/Opioid Crisis**

### **CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

WHEREAS, the opiate/opioid abuse epidemic is one of the most serious substance abuse problems the United States has faced and one that knows no geographical, political, or governmental boundaries; and

WHEREAS, opiate/opioid abuse is quickly becoming a leading cause of death in many states, particularly with the introduction of opioid analogues such as fentanyl and carfentanil; and

WHEREAS, the opiate/opioid abuse epidemic is placing a significant burden on many states' criminal justice, corrections, public health, foster care, treatment, and social services systems; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of opiate/opioid abuse are not limited to the abuser but often extend to children, families, and communities, and opiate/opioid abuse is rapidly becoming a leading cause for removing children from the care of their parents; and

WHEREAS, state court systems are facing significant challenges in addressing the opiate/opioid abuse epidemic and its consequences; and

WHEREAS, state courts are in a unique position to promote cooperative leadership in addressing this crisis;

BE IT RESOLVED that NACM supports the Conferences call for an increase in state and federal resources directed at this epidemic to stem increases in opiate/opioid abuse, addiction, and death, and to implement programs and policies specifically designed to reduce the potential for opiate/opioid abuse in the future.

**On December 5, 2017 the NACM Board voted to support this resolution.**



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