

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION ON OPEN AND RECIPROCAL TRADE**

**WHEREAS**, the States of the United States and the Provinces of Canada are the largest trading partners in the world; totalling \$742 billion in trade in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council of State Governments celebrates this and promotes free, open and reciprocal trade as it will strengthen the economies of both nations; and

**WHEREAS**, trade between the United States and Canada supports 7.1 million American jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Canada is a larger market for U.S. goods than all 27 countries of the European Union combined, whose population is more than 15 times that of Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Canada is the leading export destination for 35 states, and ranks top three (3) for another 10 States; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council of State Governments believes it is important that the U.S. and Canada maintain their commitment to keeping their respective markets open and accessible to Canadian and American producers of goods and services as this advances the goal of North American competitiveness and will help strengthen the economic structure within both countries.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Council of State Governments encourages local, state, federal and provincial governments to adopt open procurement policies between our two countries.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The Council of State Governments undertake concerted efforts to build awareness and appreciation for the mutual benefits of the open two-way trade system that exists between Canada and the United States.

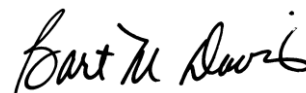
**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be submitted to appropriate local, state, federal and provincial officials.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2009 at the CSG Annual Conference in La Quinta, CA.



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Governor Joe Manchin III, West Virginia  
2009 CSG President



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Sen. Bart Davis, Idaho  
2009 CSG Chair