

1 WHEREAS, Media outlets have recently been reporting that the
2 Governor of Florida and the Florida State Legislature are proposing
3 to eliminate the drug tracking system as a cost cutting measure in
4 Florida's proposed budget; and

5 WHEREAS, This "efficiency" will have a devastating effect on
6 the misuse of prescription drugs in Florida, in West Virginia, and
7 in other states as well; and

8 WHEREAS, The West Virginia Legislature, having concern for
9 thousands of already addicted persons and thousands more
10 potentially addicted persons asks: "Is it worth the cost of
11 creating new drug addicts and the cost of treating these drug
12 addicted persons and the cost of incarcerating drug dealers to save
13 a reported \$500,000?"; and

14 WHEREAS, The West Virginia Legislature finds that the costs of
15 health care, drug treatment and incarceration will far outweigh the
16 savings, both in Florida and West Virginia; therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the House of Delegates*

18 That the West Virginia Legislature urges Governor Rick Scott,
19 State President Mike Haridopolos, Speaker Dean Cannon and the
20 Florida State Legislature not to repeal the Florida drug tracking
21 system in the interest of present and future prescription drug
22 addicted persons; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates is
24 directed to send copies of this Resolution to Florida Governor Rick

1 Scott, State Capitol Building, 400 South Monroe Street,
2 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001; Florida Senate President Mike
3 Haridopolos, 404 State Capitol Building South Monroe Street,
4 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100; and Florida House Speaker Dean
5 Cannon, 420 State Capitol Building, 402 South Monroe Street,
6 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300.