WHEREAS, the American Correctional Association's (ACA) vision statement reflecting the 1870 Declaration of Principles requires that we shape the future of corrections through strong leadership that brings together various voices and forges coalitions and partnerships to promote a principle-centered criminal and juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the ACA is a recognized authority in establishing standards for accreditation of adult and juvenile corrections; and

WHEREAS, the ACA has a heritage of supporting initiatives for safe, effective and efficient programs for offenders that enhance human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 2010 adopted the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules); and now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ACA recognizes the United Nations General Assembly for its work in developing the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association recommends correctional jurisdictions in the United States and Canada carefully review those rules, and where appropriate, and when possible and practical, seek the incorporation of them in their policies and procedures.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the American Correctional Association Delegate Assembly at the 141st Congress of Correction in Kissimmee, FL on Aug. 9, 2011. It was last reviewed and reaffirmed at the 2017 Winter Conference in San Antonio, TX, January 24, 2017.