WHEREAS, drones, including quad-copter drones, have been utilized to introduce contraband in the form of drugs, weapons and other illicit materials into correctional institutions, and;

WHEREAS, there are no uniform national regulations governing and restricting the use of such drones in close proximity to correctional facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) were tasked to develop regulations and requirements that would apply to recreational non-commercial drones, and;

WHEREAS, such regulations and requirements could appropriately govern the utilization of drones when such utilization threatens the security of correctional facilities; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the American Correctional Association urges and requests the FAA and the U.S. Department of Transportation incorporate correctional facility security interests in all existing and planned regulatory development and implementation processes.

This resolution was adopted by the American Correctional Association Delegate Assembly at the 2016 Winter Conference in New Orleans, LA on January 26, 2016. It was reaffirmed at the 2019 Winter Conference in New Orleans, LA on January 15, 2019.