

## RESOLUTION

### **Urging Federal Investment in the Nation's Infrastructure**

**WHEREAS,** As state leaders, we recognize the role infrastructure plays in the safety, security, and quality of life of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Infrastructure is critical to the economic growth and global competitiveness of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Infrastructure across the United States suffers from age, deterioration, soaring construction costs and increasing traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS,** Federal investment in infrastructure has declined to the point where state and local governments account for three out of every four public dollars being spent on infrastructure in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** State and local governments cannot finance the pressing need for infrastructure maintenance and repair alone; and

**WHEREAS,** The Building America's Future Coalition is a bipartisan advocacy group, co-chaired by Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, calling for practical, innovative, and urgent solutions to America's infrastructure funding needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Building America's Future calls on the federal government to: advance a new national vision for infrastructure policy; significantly increase federal funding to reduce municipal burden; ensure investments are based on merit and guided by accountability; streamline bureaucratic processes and encourage innovative approaches; and treat this issue a top national priority.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association of State Treasurers joins efforts of Building America's Future Coalition in advocating for a new era of federal investment and involvement in America's infrastructure.

Approved this 20th Day of August, 2008 by  
the National Association of State Treasurers

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