American Jail Association Resolution

Support for Strategic Leadership and Academic Partnerships

WHEREAS, the effective and ethical management of local detention facilities depends on a structured lifecycle of learning, administrative expertise, and visionary command for all corrections professionals; and

WHEREAS, the American Jail Association establishes premier leadership initiatives through individual collaborative partnerships with leading academic institutions to elevate the standing of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston State University (SHSU), specifically through the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT), provides the essential infrastructure and specialized expertise for the National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA), focusing on the development of command-level practitioners; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) School of Criminology and Criminal Justice provides the critical research-based foundation and innovative administrative training for the Jail Executive Institute (JEI), focusing on the mastery of senior executive leadership; and

WHEREAS, the American Jail Association promotes these distinct academic partnerships as the primary mechanisms for professionalizing the jail industry and cultivating a new generation of correctional leaders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Jail Association supports and encourages the sustained, collaborative relationships with Sam Houston State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the American Jail Association advocates for the continued growth of other jail education focused initiatives, such as but not limited to the Jail Justice Support Center (JJSC), to ensure that correctional leaders at every level have access to evidence-based education and professional development.

Sunset Provision

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years, after which it shall automatically expire on May 16, 2031, unless it is formally reaffirmed, revised, or amended by the Board of Directors prior to that date.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2026