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SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OUR NATION'S JAILS

American Jail Association Resolution

Direct Supervision Jails

[Principles of Direct Supervision]

- WHEREAS,** it has been shown that direct supervision jails offer a safe environment for inmates and staff, and
- WHEREAS,** direct supervision jails allow for a proactive rather than a reactive approach to inmate management, and
- WHEREAS,** direct supervision jails are generally economical to build and to operate, and
- WHEREAS,** direct supervision is defined as a method of inmate management, which ensures continuing direct contact between inmates and staff by posting an officer(s) inside each housing unit, and further a housing unit contains sleeping areas, dayroom space, all necessary personal hygiene fixtures, and sufficient tables and seats to accommodate unit capacity, and
- WHEREAS,** direct supervision jails are managed in accordance with the Principles of Direct Supervision (attached);
- THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association support the concept of direct supervision in planning, designing, constructing, and managing jails.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on November 14, 1992.

Re-affirmed on May 3, 2008, by the AJA Board of Directors in Sacramento, California.

Amended on October 17, 2013, by the AJA Board of Directors in St. Louis, Missouri.

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PRINCIPLES OF DIRECT SUPERVISION

PRINCIPLE I	EFFECTIVE CONTROL
PRINCIPLE II	EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION
PRINCIPLE III	COMPETENT STAFF
PRINCIPLE IV	SAFETY OF STAFF AND INMATES
PRINCIPLE V	MANAGEABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS
PRINCIPLE VI	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
PRINCIPLE VII	CLASSIFICATION AND ORIENTATION
PRINCIPLE VIII	JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS
PRINCIPLE IX	OWNERSHIP OF OPERATION