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## American Jail Association Resolution Humane Interstate Transportation of Inmates

**WHEREAS,** the extradition and interstate transportation of fugitive inmates by local jurisdictions is a necessary function of the criminal justice system nationwide, and

**WHEREAS,** the responsibility for maintaining an inmate's constitutional rights to fair and humane treatment while under extradition transport resides with the demanding local jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS,** private transportation providers are not held to the same high standards of humane treatment as are local jurisdictions, and that the provisions for such treatment are notably absent from existing relevant Federal, and state statutes;

**THEREFORE BE  
IT RESOLVED  
THAT**

the American Jail Association encourage legislatures at both the Federal and State level to modify their existing legislation so as to provide for the humane treatment of all persons who are being transported interstate as a function of a criminal proceedings and that these modifications include:

- Changing the name from "prisoners" to "inmates," as to cover not only those in custody of State or Federal correctional systems, but also those in custody of local, city and/or county jails. The title "inmate" is all encompassing, whereas "prisoner" generally refers to only those in the State or Federal correctional system.
- Expand law to cover transport of all inmates, not just violent inmates.
- Expand law to clearly outline treatment of inmates while in custody of transport companies.
- Expand law to clearly outline enforcement and consequences for violation of law.

**AND BE IT  
FURTHER**

**RESOLVED THAT** the American Jail Association encourage all local jails to insist that private transportation companies be held contractually responsible for the care and treatment of those persons including the length of time spent in transport, the number of meals that inmates are required to eat and the length of time that inmates may be confined in a transport vehicle without the use of toilet facilities, the use of showers, and sleep in a bed.

*Adopted by the American Jail Association Board of Directors on May 24, 2010, Portland, Oregon.*