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SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OUR NATION'S JAILS

American Jail Association Resolution

Just, Reasonable, and Fair Rates for Inmate Calling Services (ICS)

- WHEREAS,** the use of inmate calling services is a key component of jails providing a safe environment for both the inmate population and correctional staff, and
- WHEREAS,** access to communications between inmates and their families is an effective tool in reducing the effects of prolonged separation, and
- WHEREAS,** in its current state, these services provide intelligence to the law enforcement community to solve crimes, reduce contraband, monitor gang activity, and prevent illegal contact with victims and witnesses, while keeping the community safe from unwanted harassment, and
- WHEREAS,** the tools that provide law enforcement with the necessary intelligence and monitoring capabilities to protect the public, as well as the jail environment, have a cost associated with them;
- THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association support efforts to ensure just, reasonable, and fair calling rates for all parties that can attract and sustain quality inmate calling services in our Nation's jails.

Adopted by the American Jail Association Board of Directors on August 22, 2014. (Electronic vote)