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American Jail Association Resolution Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

- WHEREAS,** the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, signed into law on September 3, 2003 (Public Law No: 108-79), was designed to study the prevalence of offender-on-offender and Staff-on-offender sexual assault in correctional institutions and,
- WHEREAS,** Correctional professionals, researchers, advocates, and survivors conducted extensive research to analyze the data collected and create a set of standards to address sexual abuse in correctional facilities and,
- WHEREAS,** in 2012, the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission implemented a set of national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual assault and,
- WHEREAS,** the standards established zero-tolerance for sexual abuse while striking a balance between inmate's rights to be free from sexual abuse with the need for institutional security,
- THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association recognizes the importance of PREA, supports the implementation of the nationally recommended standards, and encourages U.S. jails to participate in PREA standards compliance.

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