

## LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR E. PETE ADAMS

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana District Attorneys are dedicated to ensuring public safety for all Louisiana citizens and are the gatekeepers in both the adult and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys recognize that developing an effective juvenile justice system that balances services to youth and public safety is the most effective way to achieve stronger communities and improve the quality of life for Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys agree that the ultimate goal in juvenile justice reform is to prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys agree that effective Intervention, Diversion and Prevention programs play an essential role in diminishing the rate of juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys agree that successful Intervention, Diversion and Prevention programs assist in the deterrence of adult criminal behavior and thus reduce the burden of crime on Louisiana's citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana District Attorneys Association does hereby urge and request the Division of Administration and the Legislature to support state funding for Intervention, Diversion and Prevention programs for Louisiana's youth.

## Certificate

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Louisiana District Attorneys Association Board of Directors at its meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

E. Pete

**Executive Director and Secretary**