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RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES PLANS

WHEREAS the National Association of Attorneys General is an organization of the chief legal officers of all the fifty states and additional territories, including the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS all Attorneys General have a deep interest in the legal welfare of the citizens of their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS Attorneys General have a particular interest in consumer protection issues and are keenly aware of the victimization of consumers in their respective jurisdictions by unscrupulous practices and intentional fraud; and

WHEREAS while Attorneys General are able to assist many citizens with consumer issues, many others are directed to private counsel because their situation does not fall within the jurisdiction of the A.G., and many of those, unfortunately, do not have private counsel available to them; and

WHEREAS those individuals who have access to prepaid legal services plans are able to access an attorney in time of need and are further able to access the advice and counsel of an attorney in advance of need and thus are able to practice “preventive law” in the same manner as “preventive medicine”; and

WHEREAS the American Bar Association has long supported prepaid legal services plans because they:

1. Are important to maintaining the confidence in our justice system and the rule of law.

2. Efficiently and inexpensively provide preventative legal services to low and middle income Americans.
3. Ease the burden on overtaxed government programs.
4. Enhance productivity by allowing employees to focus on their jobs, not their legal troubles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL, DULY CONVENEED

That the National Association of Attorneys General joins the American Bar Association in supporting the concept of prepaid legal services plan.