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Resolution: 13-03

Resolution Supporting Increased North American Cooperation and Coordination

- WHEREAS,** the United States, Canada, and Mexico are signatories to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which sets the framework for international trade and investment; and
- WHEREAS,** the three countries also negotiated two side agreements: the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States, Canada, and Mexico have a combined GDP of US\$16.2 trillion; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States, Canada, and Mexico are home to 439.8 million people; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States, Canada, and Mexico exchange nearly US\$2.6 billion in merchandise each day; and
- RESOLVED,** that the Council of State Governments-*WEST* supports Western states' efforts to increase the communication and understanding with neighboring countries of Canada and Mexico to promote regional growth and competitiveness; and
- RESOLVED,** that the Council of State Governments-*WEST* will continue to provide the platform for such communication, cooperation and coordination.

Adopted this 2nd Day of August, 2013 at the 66th CSG-*WEST* Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV