

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

RESOLUTION 2008-2

Urging States to Join the Vessel Identification System

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is required by Public Law 100-710 and 46 U.S.C. Chapter 125 to establish a comprehensive vessel identification system (VIS), which will provide a nationwide database of information on U.S. Coast Guard-documented and state-numbered vessels; and,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive database of recreational vessel information would be beneficial for interstate registration information, statistical analysis, marine law enforcement and homeland security; and,

WHEREAS, fewer than half of the states have signed memoranda of understanding with the Coast Guard to participate in the Vessel Identification System; and,

WHEREAS, the success of the Vessel Identification System depends on the full participation of all states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators meeting this 8th day of September, 2008, in Clearwater Beach, Florida, does hereby support the Vessel Identification System and calls on member states who have not done so to work cooperatively with the U.S. Coast Guard to expeditiously develop and implement the Vessel Identification System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the boating law administrator in non-participating states for their consideration and appropriate action.

John Fetterman, President
September 8, 2008