



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED JUDICIAL INVOLVEMENT  
IN INTERJURISDICTIONAL MOVEMENT OF  
CHILDREN THROUGH THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF  
CHILDREN (ICPC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) has for years been responsible for delays in the placement of children across state lines, and

**WHEREAS**, for many years efforts have been made to expedite the decision making process and the timely placement of children across state lines, and

**WHEREAS**, despite these efforts, unreasonable delays continue to delay permanency for children and frustrate families, children, judges, lawyers, and child welfare agencies across the country, and

**WHEREAS**, state courts in sending states have been unable to intervene effectively with the receiving state or county agencies or state ICPC offices to determine the causes for delay or possible solutions, and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 109-239 (The Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006) has not been able to improve the efficiencies of the ICPC process,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that all states and jurisdictions subject to the ICPC adopt legislation that authorizes judges in sending and receiving states and jurisdictions to communicate with one another regarding the placement of children;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all states and jurisdictions subject to the ICPC adopt legislation that authorizes judges in the receiving state or jurisdiction where placement is sought to hold hearings at the request of judges in sending states or jurisdictions on the status of ICPC home study requests and enter orders to complete those home studies when they are delayed and timely decisions are not made concerning the children involved.

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