THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AUDITED USAGE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, over 100,000 high-paying jobs may be created by the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into American aviation; and

WHEREAS, state tax revenue from such integration may exceed $482 million by 2025; and

WHEREAS, every year that UAS integration is delayed, America may lose more than $10 billion in potential economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the legal interaction between the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and state laws may lead states to enact legislation to prohibit UAS and model aircraft from tracking specific, identifiable individuals without their consent or other legislation addressing concerns of individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, states may enact legislation prohibiting the carrying of weapons by any UAS in commercial airspace; and

WHEREAS, states may emphasize Federal Aviation Administration regulations of UAS, and that they and model aircraft operations should be operated in a manner not to present a nuisance to people or property; and

WHEREAS, states may address the concern of government use of data derived from warrantless observations by prohibiting the repurposing of data collected through government use of UAS unless a warrant allows for the repurposing; and

WHEREAS, states may consider endorsing the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Aviation Committee’s “Recommended Guidelines for the use of Unmanned Aircraft.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments endorses the Aerospace States Association’s policy paper “UAS Privacy Concerns” addressing UAS privacy concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments supports the Federal Aviation Administration -monitored use of UAS as emerging technologies with a potential economic benefit for states.

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