



# NASS

National Association  
of Secretaries of State

## **Resolution for National Commission on eNotarization**

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2005, the National Association of Secretaries of State resolved and reaffirmed that the Secretary of State or other state notary commissioning entity has the sole authority to establish standards enabling electronic notarizations that will protect signature credibility, avoid identify fraud and provide accountability to the public in order to promote secure electronic commerce; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of notary law and apostilles have an interplay with federal and international law; and,

WHEREAS, uniformity of policies and regulations are beneficial among the states, for interstate and for international commerce; and,

WHEREAS, eNotarization is an emerging legislative issue affecting electronic commerce, both domestically and internationally; and,

WHEREAS, the absence of uniform standards has been a major reason that industry and governments have yet to fully embrace and utilize technologically feasible systems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Association of Secretaries of State hereby endorses and sanctions the formation of the National eNotarization Commission, whose purpose is to establish a recommended set of uniform legal standards for enabling electronic notarization in a secure and accountable manner.

Adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006  
in Washington, DC

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