

## SEARCH Resolution 82-05

Of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

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### **National Computerized Criminal History Program Based on the Interstate Identification Index Concept**

**WHEREAS** the criminal history record is a necessary tool for the administration of justice, used by law enforcement, courts, and corrections agencies at local, state, and federal levels of government;

**WHEREAS** the importance of the criminal history record is increasing as more and more laws require differentiation between first offenders and repeat offenders in conjunction with career criminal and violent offender programs;

**WHEREAS** interstate mobility of offenders requires that there be a workable national program for the interstate exchange of criminal history information;

**WHEREAS** there is a clear consensus within the criminal justice community that a national criminal history program should be decentralized and structured around the concept of the Interstate Identification Index (III); and,

**WHEREAS** a multistate test of the practicability of the III concept is nearing successful conclusion;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Membership Group of SEARCH urges Congress to endorse and support the creation and operation of a national criminal history program based upon the III concept; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Membership of SEARCH urges the states to begin substantive planning for their participation in a national criminal history program based upon the III concept; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Membership of SEARCH pledges its resources to the resolution of remaining policy, administrative, or technical issues affecting the implementation of the national criminal history program.