Association of State Dam Safety Officials
Board of Directors and State Representatives
Resolution Number 2-2014

WHEREAS, ASDSO advocates for and leads efforts to improve the safety of dams to reduce risk to lives and property from dam failure, and

WHEREAS, learning from past dam failures has been invaluable to improving the safety of dams across the U.S. and increasing public awareness of dam safety, and

WHEREAS, the St. Francis Dam (California) Failure of 1928 was one of the worst dam failures in U.S. history, resulting in an estimated death-toll of over 600 people, and

WHEREAS, this failure was the catalyst for the creation of many state dam safety programs, and

WHEREAS, there is a current push by citizens in Santa Clarita, CA to memorialize this terrible event at the national level and a bill has been introduced in Congress by Congressman Howard McKeon to create the St. Francis Dam Memorial and Monument, giving the site national memorial status;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors and the State Representatives of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, meeting on September 21, 2014, that the Association of State Dam Safety Officials endorses this proposal and encourages Congress to vote to approve H.R. 5357, a bill to authorize a national memorial to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the St. Francis Dam.

Tom Woosley
President
September 21, 2014