

MEANINGFUL WORK PROGRAMS IN CORRECTIONAL OPERATIONS

WHEREAS slavery was abolished by the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS the American Correctional Association resolved that the Guiding Principles of the Association are inconsistent with slavery, and

WHEREAS the purpose of incarceration of individuals in custody is for the completion of a sentence as established by court action in the justice system is to provide public safety, rehabilitation and preparation for reentry back to the community to become productive and contributing member of society.

WHEREAS incarceration of individuals in custody is not for the personal and/or economic gain of any part of the criminal justice system and/or the community, and

WHEREAS the American Correctional Association supports the conduct of meaningful work by offenders as a productive and pro-social activity provided activities contribute to meaningful work skills which prepares inmates for release and gainful employment when released.

WHEREAS the American Correctional Association recognizes the important value of constructive work by offenders serves the purpose of restorative justice principles, and now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ACA supports meaningful work programs that are established for legitimate institutional purposes, that provides constructive activities, a safe, healthy, and productive environment, and respects the dignity and humane treatment of offenders.