

**URGING NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT FOR
PORT DEVELOPMENT AND GOODS MOVEMENT**

WHEREAS, AAPA represents public ports located in every coastal nation throughout the Western Hemisphere;

WHEREAS, international trade and freight mobility are critically important to the economic development, stability and growth in all of those nations;

WHEREAS, government policies facilitating port development and the efficient movement of goods are needed in each nation throughout the Western Hemisphere;

WHEREAS, the coastal nations of the Western Hemisphere have significantly under-invested in the landside (highway and rail) and waterside infrastructure necessary to provide the most efficient and least congested access to port facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of Port Authorities encourages the nations of the Western Hemisphere to recognize the importance of ports and goods movement to their national economies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Association of Port Authorities encourages each nation of the Western Hemisphere to elevate port development and goods movement to a national priority, and to make favorable policy decisions and infrastructure investments in support of that priority.

**New Resolution
Recommended for Adoption by the Executive Committee**