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**RESOLUTION OF COOPERATION**  
*to Facilitate Interstate Licensure for*  
*Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors*

WHEREAS, The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is a national organization created by state licensing boards in 1920 to facilitate professional licensing mobility and promote uniformity of the U.S. licensure processes through services for its member licensing boards and licensees; and

WHEREAS, The NCEES' members are the engineering and surveying licensure boards from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, The mission of NCEES is to advance licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, The NCEES Model Law, Model Rules, and Manual of Policy and Position Statements are publications adopted by the membership of NCEES; and

WHEREAS, The adopted model licensure concepts within these publications set a common standard for licensure mobility and portability among its member boards to facilitate an efficient, streamlined, expedited administrative procedure and approval process; and

WHEREAS, Alignment of licensure processes and requirements is imperative to facilitate portability of licenses between member boards of NCEES; and

WHEREAS, Increased licensure portability aligns with government initiatives to diversify economies and support economic growth; and

WHEREAS, In the absence of licensure portability efforts, barriers to licensure can remain in variable state laws, rules, administrative procedures and approval processes; and

WHEREAS, Barriers to licensure, whether perceived or real, threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public by the potential for legislative action that erodes professional licensing regulation and may also perpetuate or introduce unnecessary bureaucratic processes that an applicant must undertake, which potentially could become barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that some member boards may have challenges, such as staffing or obtaining authority to revise statutes and rules which may impede streamlined processes; and

WHEREAS, The NCEES will commemorate 100 years of advancing licensure through the licensing of professional engineers and land surveyors in 2020; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following signatories agree to license a NCEES Model Law comity applicant that meets national standards in the most expeditious manner available within the scope of current state licensing laws and rules; and furthermore be it

RESOLVED, That signatory boards are committed to identifying and working to remove barriers to licensure portability and mobility which are not in the best interest of the public and not required to fulfill the mission of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and furthermore be it

RESOLVED, That signatory boards are committed to work towards revising current licensing laws, rules, and policies to allow for more streamlined approval processes for NCEES Model Law applicants and other qualifying applicants in my state or jurisdiction; and furthermore be it

RESOLVED, That signatory boards are committed to minimizing or eliminating unnecessary state or jurisdiction specific licensure requirements.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the duly qualified member board representative to serve as signatory of this Resolution of Cooperation and resolves to complete these efforts by 2020 to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCEES at its annual meeting.