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RESOLUTION 09-04

Resolution Supporting STEM Education

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments-*WEST* has gathered on October 5-8, 2009 in Santa Fe, New Mexico for the 62nd Annual Meeting and the 2009 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Policy Forum and;

WHEREAS, leaders from across 13 State Legislatures and local governments have convened discussions to look at common needs and issues on STEM issues and;

WHEREAS, Innovate-Educate New Mexico and the K-20 California Education Technology Collaborative are catalysts for action and;

WHEREAS, we the Legislators and leaders of the Council of State Governments-*WEST* 62nd Annual Meeting recognize that our nation succeeds and prospers with a robust, life-long learning education system that embraces innovation, rigor, academic excellence and educational opportunity and;

WHEREAS, we believe that the United States faces a shortage of science, technology, engineering, and math talent and;

WHEREAS, we believe that STEM education is critical to our economic and national security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we the Legislators and Leaders of the Council of State Governments-*WEST* commit to deep and meaningful debate and call for a collaborative, local, state, and national plan for action to accelerate, improve, and inspire STEM education at all levels for all citizens.

**Adopted by CSG-*WEST* Executive Committee on October 8, 2009
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