CONCERNING: Fellowship in Food Protection

Whereas, the Fellowship in Food Protection program, established by the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) almost four years ago to train federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial food protection personnel, has achieved unprecedented success in meeting training and development objectives; and,

Whereas, the Fellowship program has achieved accreditation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) thereby assuring continuous high quality that is integral to implementation of the training and leadership requirements for establishing the National Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS); and,

Whereas, individuals trained under the Fellowship are the future leaders of food safety in the U.S., with graduates from the Fellowship already achieving leadership positions in their agencies and in national and regional food safety organizations; and,

Whereas, the Fellowship program has created networks of journey-level and supervisory leaders through its three cohorts to-date; and,

Whereas, it is imperative that the next generation of food safety professionals continue to receive the kind of training in food safety policy and leadership skills that has been provided by the IFPTI Fellowship; and,

Whereas, the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) continues to support the Fellowship both financially and by promoting its concept at every opportunity; be it therefore,

Resolved, that AFDO request FDA to officially recognize the Fellowship in Food Protection program as an integral component of achieving a fully Integrated Food Safety System; and, be it

Further Resolved, that AFDO request FDA to support the Fellowship in Food Protection program through participation and course recognition in ORA-U and within the integrated national training network.