

## **SUPPORT OF CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES**

**WHEREAS**, the American Jail Association (AJA) has been on record for many years in support of correctional industry programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, AJA recognizes that industry programs provide valuable job skills and an opportunity to instill a sense of work ethic in those who are incarcerated in our nation's jails and prisons; and,

**WHEREAS**, AJA recognizes that warehousing inmates is detrimental to the well-being of a society and that providing meaningful, productive programs to inmates during incarceration is of tremendous societal benefit; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is well-known and documented that inmate idleness can result in significant institutional security concerns and correctional industries are meaningful, productive programs that can be used to alleviate such idleness; and,

**WHEREAS**, correctional industry programs produce viable, quality products and services, which in turn, generate revenues that can be used to offset institutional operating costs that would normally be at the expense of taxpayers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the AJA Board of Directors hereby proclaim AJA's formal support for correctional industry programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, AJA encourage those in demand of products and services to consider correctional industry programs in their options for procurement.

*Adopted by the American Jail Association Board of Directors on May 3, 2003.  
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