

*A Resolution in Support of
Fiscal Year 2009 Congressional Funding
for the
National Biosolids Partnership*

WHEREAS the National Biosolids Partnership (the Partnership), was established in 1997, as an alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);

WHEREAS the Partnership is the only national program with the sole mission of helping communities effectively manage biosolids, the natural by-products of the sewage treatment process, by providing a training and technical assistance program to enhance the oversight and management of this key resource;

WHEREAS both the Clean Water Act and the Oceans Dumping Act authorize EPA to establish outreach, training, and technical assistance to help communities manage their biosolids in an environmentally beneficial manner, leading to the creation of the Partnership;

WHEREAS Congress has supported the Partnership through direct appropriations in fiscal years 1998 - 2006;

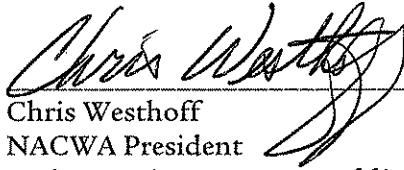
WHEREAS properly treated and managed biosolids can be used as a beneficial soil fertilizer, safely disposed of in landfills, or incinerated for energy recovery and solids reductions, thereby improving water quality and ensuring a cleaner, healthier environment;

WHEREAS the Partnership helps public agencies go beyond minimum regulatory compliance, optimizing operations to reduce odors and improving product quality, and increases public education and communication about the safety of biosolids products;

WHEREAS federal funding is needed to ensure the Partnership can continue providing the more than 100 participating agencies in 35 states with technical assistance, best practices training, and guidance on how to fully implement an environmental management system (EMS) for biosolids;

WHEREAS renewed federal support will allow the Partnership to build on its solid track record of helping utilities manage biosolids in a cost-effective, environmentally sound manner;

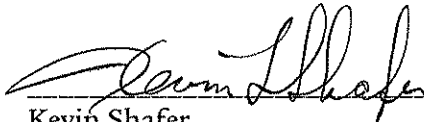
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of February that the NACWA Board of Directors, as represented by the undersigned Executive Committee Members, request that Congress appropriate \$1 million in support of the National Biosolids Partnership for Fiscal Year 2009:



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