



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in its November 15, 2007 decision, the Supreme Court of Florida (the "Court") recognized Chapter 20, the Florida Registered Paralegal Program, as a "first, prudent step" towards establishing high professional standards for the paralegal profession; and

WHEREAS, the Court further recognized that caution must be exercised in establishing a mandatory regulatory program so the impact on the legal and paralegal professions can be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Court, in its approval of Chapter 20, did so, in part, because it believed the program would inure to the benefit of the public by instilling and promoting public confidence in the legal process; and

WHEREAS, there has been great support for the voluntary program established by Chapter 20 as shown in the 3844 paralegals who have registered as of the date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Registered Paralegal Standing Committee has received input from many members of the paralegal profession expressing a desire for mandatory regulation in order to establish standards for minimum required education and training to meet the needs of members of The Florida Bar and their clients; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florida Registered Paralegal Standing Committee recommends the Board of Governors to establish a special committee to study and recommend whether to regulate the paralegal profession by establishing mandatory standards and educational guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORIDA REGISTERED PARALEGAL
STANDING COMMITTEE

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