

1 **DRAFT Resolution on Autonomous Vehicle Legislation and Regulation**

2 *Summary*

3 This resolution holds that autonomous vehicle research, development, testing, and
4 operational functionality should not be impaired by unnecessary legislative or regulatory
5 intervention.

6 *Model Resolution*

7 **WHEREAS**, autonomous vehicles are motor vehicles equipped with technology that has
8 the capability to drive a vehicle without real-time input or monitoring by a human
9 operator.

10 **WHEREAS**, autonomous vehicles greatly reduce human interaction with the direction of
11 motor vehicles.

12 **WHEREAS**, human error is a factor in approximately 90 percent of motor vehicle
13 accidents.

14 **WHEREAS**, human error is responsible for a significant portion of traffic congestion.

15 **WHEREAS**, autonomous vehicles can greatly enhance transportation access for
16 mobility-impaired populations such as the disabled, elderly, and youth.

17 **WHEREAS**, the states regulate the licensing and operations of motor vehicles while the
18 federal government regulates highway vehicle safety.

19 **WHEREAS**, several states have enacted laws recognizing the legality of autonomous
20 vehicles.

21 **WHEREAS**, the federal government is considering safety mandates regarding vehicle-
22 to-vehicle communications.

23 **WHEREAS**, autonomous vehicle communications systems, whether vehicle-to-vehicle
24 or vehicle-to-infrastructure, remain in the early stages of development.

25 **WHEREAS**, requiring specific and unnecessary components or functions of nascent
26 technologies will likely retard innovation and consumer availability.

27 **WHEREAS**, unduly discriminatory statutes or regulations with respect to the proof of
28 insurance that shall be furnished for an autonomous vehicle should be avoided.

29 **WHEREAS**, lawmakers and regulators should avoid crafting statutes or regulations
30 regarding autonomous vehicles which fail to distinguish between highway and non-
31 highway vehicles.

32 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that [insert state here] opposes the
33 enactment of laws or promulgation of regulations that would restrict autonomous vehicle
34 innovation.

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