

**Association of State Dam Safety Officials**  
**Board of Directors and State Representatives**  
**Resolution Number 2-2014**

*WHEREAS*, ASDSO advocates for and leads efforts to improve the safety of dams to reduce risk to lives and property from dam failure, and

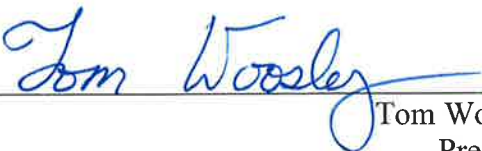
*WHEREAS*, learning from past dam failures has been invaluable to improving the safety of dams across the U.S. and increasing public awareness of dam safety, and

*WHEREAS*, the St. Francis Dam (California) Failure of 1928 was one of the worst dam failures in U.S. history, resulting in an estimated death-toll of over 600 people, and

*WHEREAS*, this failure was the catalyst for the creation of many state dam safety programs, and

*WHEREAS*, there is a current push by citizens in Santa Clarita, CA to memorialize this terrible event at the national level and a bill has been introduced in Congress by Congressman Howard McKeon to create the St. Francis Dam Memorial and Monument, giving the site national memorial status;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Board of Directors and the State Representatives of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, meeting on September 21, 2014, that the Association of State Dam Safety Officials endorses this proposal and encourages Congress to vote to approve H.R. 5357, a bill to authorize a national memorial to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the St. Francis Dam.

  
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Tom Woosley  
President  
September 21, 2014