Resolution for AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Mental health: mobile crisis support teams: 988 crisis hotline.

Whereas,

AB 988 represents a legislative solution to a compelling societal need to transition to a single suicide prevention and mental health hotline as required by federal law, and to ensure people that are experiencing behavioral health crises are linked to local services quickly and appropriately;

Whereas,

AB 988 unwisely proposes to create a new structure that would impose upon new responsibilities over Counties without regard to appropriateness of structure, roles, expertise, and, above all, sustained funding for crisis intervention services and coordination;

Whereas,

Existing county-operated local structures have limited capacity, incomplete crisis services and infrastructure, and a lack of permanent and sufficient funding for such services;

Whereas,

The Community Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, the association that represents the behavioral health departments of the fifty-eight California Counties has, after careful analysis, taken a Support if Amended position on AB 988 in recognition of its extraordinary potential but serious flaws;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1) SCPS takes a Support if Amended position on AB 988
2) SCPS shall advise PPAC to change its position to Support if Amended position on AB 988
3) SCPS shall publish its Support if Amended position on AB 988 in its newsletter, along with the current PPAC position.