

**CONNECTICUT CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION**

**January 13, 2005**

**WHEREAS, the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association is a statewide organization of three hundred lawyers dedicated to defending persons accused of criminal offenses;**

**WHEREAS, the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association works to improve the criminal justice system by insuring that the individual rights guaranteed by the Connecticut and United States constitutions are applied fairly and equally and that those rights are not diminished;**

**WHEREAS, the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association has steadfastly called for the abolition of the death penalty;**

**WHEREAS, the death penalty does not comport with human dignity and our evolving standards of decency;**

**WHEREAS, the death penalty is excessive and serves no valid legislative purpose;**

**WHEREAS, the death penalty has been applied in an arbitrary, capricious and racially discriminatory manner;**

**WHEREAS, the death penalty risks the execution of the innocent; and**

**WHEREAS, the death penalty is unconstitutional.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association renews its call for the abolition of capital punishment in Connecticut.**

**Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, and adopted by the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association on January 13, 2005.**

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