

**CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES
CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

Resolution 9

In Support of White House Conference on Children and Youth

WHEREAS, White House conferences have been an effective vehicle for significantly impacting policy issues of concern to Americans and encouraging dialogue across the country at all levels of government to bring multi-disciplinary key players together to address the challenges in their communities and states; and

WHEREAS, the first White House Conference on Children and Youth, the oldest of White House conferences, was held in 1909, and subsequent conferences were held every 10 years thereafter until 1970; and

WHEREAS, the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 2010 Act (H.R. 618 and S. 938) has been introduced and is pending before Congress; and

WHEREAS, this Conference would encourage collaboration between the branches of government at all levels, foster the development of recommendations and action plans to address identified problems and challenges, and facilitate improvements in state and local child welfare systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators urge the Congress to reestablish the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Adopted at the COSCA 2010 Annual Meeting on July 28, 2010.