

## ***Multistate Tax Commission***



### **Resolution No. 01-11**

#### **Resolution Encouraging Efforts to Enable Effective Interstate Communications**

**WHEREAS**, information systems technologies have become vital to the operation of all aspects of State and local government, including tax administration; and

**WHEREAS**, many State tax agencies have made significant advances in the development and utilization of technology to improve services for taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multistate Tax Commission, the Federation of Tax Administrators and other State and local organizations currently are developing and/or utilizing systems to facilitate secure and convenient communications among States in the open source environment of the Internet and the World Wide Web; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the technologies in use by the States and by State and local organizations is encryption technology like public/private key technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the States and their organization are utilizing different public/private key infrastructure systems developed by various companies; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to develop and utilize encryption technology and other technologies that enable seamless, and where needed, secure communications among States and taxpayers on a multistate basis; and

**WHEREAS**, States have legitimate needs for employing different kinds of communication systems; and

**WHEREAS**, many federal agencies have worked together to provide a level of interoperability among the differing public/private key infrastructure systems in place in the various agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multistate Tax Commission anticipates creating a cooperative mechanism to support the secure exchange of information among State tax agencies; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages State tax agencies to develop encryption and other information systems technologies that anticipate and serve the need for compatibility with the systems of other State tax agencies; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages the States to work cooperatively to build information systems that enable effective and secure interstate communications.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001 by the Multistate Tax Commission.

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Dan R. Bucks, Executive Director

This resolution shall expire at the end of the Annual Business Meeting of the Multistate Tax Commission in 2006.