

Resolution Adopted by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee
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Resolution #36-05 Offered by Ms. Caldas

Title: Consensus Standards

The TGDC recognizes the timeframes established in HAVA as necessary to ensure a prompt response to the nation's voting system issues, which it was written to address. The TGDC further recognizes that a robust voluntary consensus standards system exists in this country and should be relied on, to the greatest extent possible, to facilitate the long-term development and regular maintenance of voluntary voting system guidelines and standards.

Moreover, the TGDC encourages the EAC to rely not only on NIST's recognized expertise, but also on the US voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, as exemplified by programs and standards which comply with the requirements set-forth in OMB Circular A119, as part of the EAC's long-term systemic approach to addressing the nation's continuing need for up-to-date, voluntary voting system guidelines and standards.