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## **NCBTMB ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF ITS CERTIFICATION TESTS AS THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR ENTRY-LEVEL LICENSURE EXAMS**

**OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (March 11, 2009)** – The Board of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) has issued the following statement regarding the use of its certification tests as the national standard for entry-level licensure exams. The statement was issued today on behalf of the NCBTMB Board by Paul R. Lindamood, NCBTMB's Chief Executive Officer.

*"NCBTMB whole-heartedly supports licensure through our certification program as the best licensing path for the massage professional. Over 30 years of national policy and precedent in the healthcare field, as well as 16 years of successful implementation by the NCBTMB favoring licensure through certification, supports this successful inter-relationship.*

*NCBTMB's exam program has successfully raised the standards for massage therapy and thereby protected the public health, safety and welfare since 1992. Today, in 33 of 39 states that regulate massage, our licensure through certification programs have successfully helped transform massage into the acknowledged, respected profession it has become. NCBTMB's licensing through certification programs have demonstrated their value to students, schools, regulators and businesses, with consumers as the current, and perhaps the most vital, audience.*

*We believe NCBTMB's licensure programs are inextricably tied to the future growth and credibility of the profession in the United States."*

### **ABOUT NCBTMB**

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently accepted or recognized in statute or rule by 33 states plus the District of Columbia. There are currently more than 91,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. The NCBTMB credentialing program has been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) since 1993 and NCBTMB is currently pursuing American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation.

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