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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ADOPTS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT (SAR) SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes that in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, there is a need to ensure that local law enforcement establish the capability to gather, document, process, analyze, and share information regarding suspicious behaviors, incidents, and activities that may be indicative of criminal activity related to international and domestic terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association further recognizes that the analysis and sharing of terrorism-related Suspicious Activity Reports are critical to efforts to protect local communities from terrorism-related crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, the project members, composed of local and state law enforcement representatives and federal officials, assembled a team and an Executive Steering Committee to develop the findings and recommendations for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing of suspicious activity, which led to the issuance of a report in October 2008 entitled *Findings and Recommendations of the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) Support and Implementation Project*; this report observed and documented 17 major findings that were categorized within six specific areas for the implementation of a process for the reporting of suspicious activity, including strong recommendations for the protection of privacy and civil liberties of individuals;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association adopts the *Findings and Recommendations of the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) Support and Implementation Project* as an important guideline, viewed as a living or evolving document, and a valuable tool to improve existing methods for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing of suspicious activity;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association will support the implementation of these recommendations as guidelines to agencies by supporting the nationwide SAR initiative consistent with local and state laws and regulations;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association will work with and assist local law enforcement agencies in understanding and utilizing the findings and recommendations;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association recommends that members begin implementing a SAR process within their own agencies, as well as work with other law enforcement agencies for broad adoption nationally.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on June 23, 2009.