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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS OCTOBER AS
CRIME PREVENTION MONTH AND SUPPORTS CELEBRATE SAFE
COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association is concerned with the rising crime rate throughout America; and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,088 Sheriff Offices/Departments are charged with the prevention of crime and criminal activities in their local communities; and,

WHEREAS, one of the National Sheriffs' Association's primary missions is to engage with other law enforcement and crime prevention organizations and associations; and,

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association has been, and is, actively combating crime and enlisting citizen involvement through its National Neighborhood Watch Program and with the Celebrate Safe Communities Partnership with the National Crime Prevention Council,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Sheriffs' Association calls upon the Governors of our fifty (50) states to proclaim the Month of October as "Crime Prevention Month" and support public safety activities through the Celebrate Safe Communities initiative in October, in recognition of the citizens who are contributing to the peace-keeping activities of their local communities in each state; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this unanimous resolution be forwarded to the Governor of each State to alert him or her to recognize October of each year as "Crime Prevention Month" and to support "Celebrate Safe Communities Initiative."

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