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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK TO MONITOR THE SALE OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS USED TO MAKE METHAMPHETAMINE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) recognizes the devastating scourge methamphetamine has had upon local communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, methamphetamine is relatively simple to manufacture and is composed of simple household products; and

**WHEREAS**, pseudoephedrine and ephedrine are the two main chemicals in methamphetamine, are found in common over-the-counter cold and allergy medicines, and are easily purchased in any pharmacy in the country ; and

**WHEREAS**, America's 3,088 Offices of Sheriff currently lack the tools necessary to track suspicious purchases of products containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a national need among law enforcement to create a pseudo ephedrine and ephedrine electronic logging system to monitor the sale of precursor drug purchases; and

**WHEREAS**, a national electronic logging system will provide real-time data to law enforcement and pharmacies regarding the sale of precursor drugs, preventing speedy purchasers from visiting multiple pharmacies in order to stockpile methamphetamine precursor drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, a national electronic logging system will enhance law enforcement's abilities to track and apprehend individuals who appear to be domestically manufacturing methamphetamine; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement agencies are currently experiencing extreme financial constraints across the country, and lack the necessary funds to purchase equipment and tools necessary to participate in a national electronic logging system; and

**WHEREAS**, there is the need to provide the equipment for a national electronic logging system at no-cost to law enforcement agencies;

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly supports the creation of a national pseudo ephedrine and ephedrine point of sale, real-time electronic logging system, and supports the funding of the equipment for a national system at no-cost to law enforcement agencies.

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

National Sheriffs' Association 2009 Resolutions