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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS FUNDING RESTORATION FOR NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement and Correctional Technology Center (NLECTC) system was created as a component of the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Office of Science and Technology in 1994; and

WHEREAS, there are currently five regional NLECTCs (Northeast, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Southeast, and West) and a national NLECTC located outside of Washington, D.C; and

WHEREAS, NLECTCs offer state and local law enforcement, corrections, and other criminal justice personnel support, research findings, and technological expertise to enable state and local law enforcement and corrections to perform their duties more safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, NLECTC experts further assist state and local law enforcement and corrections by going to the state and local law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities to more accurately gauge the technological needs of the agencies and facilities; and

WHEREAS, NLECTCs are valuable and critical resources to sheriff's offices throughout the United State; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice has recently decided to eliminate the NLECTC system and has eliminated the funding for this critical system; and

WHEREAS, NLECTCs are quickly running out of operational funding and experiencing a loss of vital, expert employees and elimination of services; forcing NLECTCs to shut their doors permanently;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association fully supports the National Law Enforcement and Correctional Technology Center system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Associations fully supports and urges for the restoration of funding for the National Law Enforcement and Correctional Technology Center system, as a critical resource to law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities throughout the United States.

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