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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE PACT360 (POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER) PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) have reviewed the PACT360 program developed by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a national non-profit organization;

WHEREAS, NSA's Neighborhood Watch Program and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America have recently established a collaborative partnership to reduce drug use in communities nationwide;

WHEREAS, there is an increased need for communication between citizens and law enforcement;

WHEREAS, NSA supports the mission of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, which is to help parents prevent, intervene in, and find treatment for drug and alcohol use by their children;

WHEREAS, 2009 national research shows an increase in teen use of alcohol, marijuana, and ecstasy, and reveals that prescription and over-the-counter drugs account for 8 of the 13 most frequently abused drugs among 12th graders; and that methamphetamine and heroin are resurging in many parts of the country;

WHEREAS, NSA recognizes the importance of cooperation between law enforcement, substance abuse prevention and treatment professionals, parents and others in the community with the common goal of reducing substance abuse and the crimes and social problems associated with it;

WHEREAS, the Partnership, with the support of the United States Department of Justice, has developed the PACT360 suite of community education programs, which consists of: Parents360, which is designed to help parents and caregivers prevent and respond to teen substance abuse; Youth360, which helps teens consider the risks of substance abuse and look out for their peers; Meth360, which helps parents and communities mobilize against the threat of methamphetamine; and Latino360, which acculturates Meth360 for Spanish-speaking audiences;

WHEREAS, these programs are designed to be localized and implemented at the local level, where law enforcement professionals can address and respond to their community's concerns;

WHEREAS, to date, more than 30,000 people have participated in these presentations, more than 95 percent of whom have rated them excellent or good; more than 90 percent have taken action following the presentation; and more than 95 percent said that the role of law enforcement in prevention is very important;

WHEREAS, the Partnership has made these programs, and the materials needed to implement them, available to the law enforcement community at no charge;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association does hereby support and commend the Partnership for its work to develop PACT360 community education programs and will support efforts to make them available to sheriffs' nationwide;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the continued partnership between Neighborhood Watch and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association encourages its members to adopt and lead PACT360 programs in the communities they serve.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Anaheim, CA on June 29, 2010.