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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS SEPTEMBER 10 AS NATIONAL "LOCK YOUR MEDS DAY" AND SUPPORTS NATI LOCK YOUR MEDS TRAINING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse is a serious and growing public health concern in the United States with little public awareness;

WHEREAS, many Americans hold the dangerous misconception that prescription medications are safe because they are legal;

WHEREAS, 2.5 million Americans began using prescription drugs non-medicinally in 2008 alone;

WHEREAS, deaths due to drug overdoses now exceed those due to car accidents in 16 states;

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription medications in this country costs approximately \$4 billion in health care and correctional facility charges annually;

WHEREAS, adolescents and young adults are increasingly finding home medicine cabinets an easy way to illegally access powerful and addictive medications; and

WHEREAS, Americans are facilitating the abuse of prescriptions by their friends and family members by neglecting to properly secure and track their medications;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the National Family Partnership have teamed up together to educate communities nationwide on the dangers of leaving prescription medicines in unsecure locations in their home and are committed to combating the scourge of prescription drug abuse, particularly by adolescents and young adults;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the designation of September 10 as "National Lock Your Meds Day;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports NATI endeavors towards training initiatives which encourage the close monitoring securing of prescription medications;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports further collaboration with the National Family Partnership to work with law enforcement and other supporting local agencies, to educate communities about the dangers of unsecure prescription meds as well as an attempt to reduce illegal access to unsecure prescription meds throughout the United States.

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