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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION COMMENDS THE POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Police Athletic/Activities League, has been a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth;

WHEREAS, PAL is based on the conviction that young people - if they are reached early enough - can develop strong positive attitudes towards police officers in their journey through life toward the goal of maturity and good citizenship;

WHEREAS, PAL brings youth under the supervision and positive influence of a law enforcement agency and expands public awareness about the role of a police officer and the reinforcement of the responsible values and attitudes instilled in young people by their parents;

WHEREAS, there are over 400 PAL Member Chapters in law enforcement agencies servicing over 700 cities and 1,700 facilities throughout the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands, serving more than two million youth, ages 5 to 18.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association does hereby commend the Police Athletic/Activities League for all their efforts nationwide to ensure positive influences between children and law enforcement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association also commends the Police Athletic/Activities League for their willingness to partner with local law enforcement agencies and the National Sheriffs' Association to promote crime prevention to parents and children.

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