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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) CRIMINAL ALIEN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has implemented Secure Communities and 287(g) Delegation of Authority among the portfolio of enforcement programs to accurately and efficiently identify and remove criminal aliens from the United States;

WHEREAS, sheriffs generally serve as chief law enforcement officers sworn to uphold public safety with integrity and protect its communities, resulting in the support of prioritizing high risk criminal alien enforcement;

WHEREAS, Secure Communities, through improved technology, continual data analysis, and timely information sharing with a broad range of law enforcement agency partners, helps protect communities across the country at no cost to the sheriff's office;

WHEREAS, Immigration and Nationality Act, Section 287(g), authorizes state and local law enforcement agencies (LEA) to enter into a partnership with ICE, under a joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement in their jurisdictions through technical equipment and personnel, comprehensive federal immigration law training, and on-the-job technical instruction, under ICE supervision;

WHEREAS, Secure Communities and 287(g) programs complement each other by utilizing biometric and biographic data to detect criminal aliens to ensure both an ICE officer presence and technological advances are used in tandem, supplementing each other;

WHEREAS, both programs are considered force multipliers toward a common law enforcement goal of identifying, detaining, and removing high-risk criminals for the safety of communities across the country;

WHEREAS, while these programs promote and enhance information sharing among federal, state and local law enforcement to quickly and accurately identify criminal aliens, ICE retains the responsibility of enforcing U.S. immigration laws and taking appropriate action;

WHEREAS, both Secure Communities and 287(g) promote consistency ensuring that state and local law enforcement partners have access to pertinent DHS records that are critical to the safety of, and enforcement of laws that protect the citizens we are sworn to serve;

WHEREAS, both Secure Communities and 287(g) programs are committed to upholding civil rights and civil liberties and have safeguards in place to protect against racial or ethnic profiling;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Sheriffs' Association supports ICE's programs to effectively and accurately identify and remove criminal aliens from the U.S.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association reaffirms its support for ICE's collaboration with federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement to help protect our communities and nation.

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