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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM (RISS)[®]

WHEREAS, the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program was established by Congress in 1974 to enhance the ability of local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement member agencies to identify, target, arrest, and prosecute criminal conspirators and support law enforcement investigation and prosecution efforts;

WHEREAS, RISS serves as one of the nation's most comprehensive law enforcement information sharing resources, building more than 30 years of trust among its over 100,000 participants and users;

WHEREAS, RISS has over 8,600 participating agencies, including 1,597 Sheriff's Offices, and contains more than 600 available resources;

WHEREAS, RISS successfully assists law enforcement agencies in predicting, deterring, identifying, apprehending, and convicting violent and destructive offenders, such as drug dealers, gang members, child predators, organized criminals, human traffickers, and criminals that steal the identity of others;

WHEREAS, RISS operates the only secure, Web-based nationwide network, called RISSNET, for communication and exchange of criminal intelligence information by local, state, federal, and tribal participating law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Policy Committee (IPC), formed within the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of the President, has identified RISSNET as one of the four sensitive but unclassified (SBU)/controlled unclassified information (CUI) networks essential in developing a single sign-on solution which will provide access to an interoperable SBU/CUI environment;

WHEREAS, RISS has developed the Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe), which stores and maintains data on planned law enforcement

investigative events, with the goal of identifying and alerting nearby law enforcement agencies and officers of potential geographical conflicts;

WHEREAS, our nation's citizens expect criminal justice agencies to protect our communities from violence, terrorism, drugs, and other criminal activities;

WHEREAS, the success of RISS is dependent upon all law enforcement agencies entering target and operation information of their criminal investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports RISS as a valuable information sharing tool for local law enforcement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly supports increased funding in Congress for RISS and other critical information sharing programs available to local law enforcement.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in St. Louis, MO on June 20, 2011.