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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ALICIA'S LAW CAMPAIGN – A PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILD RESCUE AND THE EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT CHILDREN (PROTECT) TO FUND ICAC TASK FORCES IN EVERY STATE NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, there is a continual need throughout the country to ensure law enforcement has the appropriate funding statewide to operate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces;

WHEREAS, the National Association to Protect Children, or PROTECT, is a national pro-child, anti-crime membership association that has worked to ensuring funding for ICAC task forces through Alicia's Law;

WHEREAS, Alicia's Law is a state initiative that builds state capacity to combat crimes against children;

WHEREAS, key provisions of Alicia's Law would create permanent ICAC task force funding; a dedicated revenue stream for local and state law enforcement agencies that work ICAC cases; more transparency and accountability for child protection and justice systems; increased funding for forensic and prosecutor capacity; stronger child pornography penalties and first responder teams; and administrative subpoena power in child exploitation cases;

WHEREAS, PROTECT is slated to unveil a nationwide campaign to enact Alicia's Law in every state to ensure dedicated funding for state and local law enforcement for vital ICAC task forces;

WHEREAS, the nation's sheriffs recognize the critical importance of ICAC task forces in the identification and apprehension of dangerous sexual predators, and the protection and prevention of the exploitation of innocent children throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports Alicia's Law campaign– a proposed partnership for child rescue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the efforts of PROTECT to fund ICAC task forces in every state nationwide.

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