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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION AFFIRMS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in 1994 Congress passed the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, and authorized the expenditure of \$8.8 billion over six years through the newly created Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) within the United States Department of Justice;

WHEREAS, between 1995 and 2002 approximately \$1 billion was annually appropriated to the COPS office for the creation of law enforcement jobs and the creation of law enforcement initiatives;

WHEREAS, in FY2009, the COPS Office was appropriated over \$1 billion to fund the hiring, re-hiring and retention of nearly 5,000 law enforcement positions;

WHEREAS, the COPS Office was appropriated only \$243 million in FY2011 and \$111 million in FY2012 for COPS hiring grants;

WHEREAS, since it was established the COPS Office has funded over 123,000 officers and deputies;

WHEREAS, the grants awarded through the COPS office provide valuable assistance in ensuring public safety throughout the nation and have the overwhelming support of the nation's sheriffs;

WHEREAS, the economic downturn has resulted in many jurisdictions having to cut law enforcement services;

WHEREAS, dedicating resources to maintaining and replenishing public safety agencies throughout the nation will act as a catalyst for economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association affirms its strong support for the COPS Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association urges Congress to place public safety first and provide significant funding for the COPS Office, which is so critical to the safety of our nation.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Nashville, TN on June 18, 2012.