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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ON FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE COMMITTED
TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE**

WHEREAS, keeping our neighborhoods, business, and communities safe is of the utmost importance;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) created the national initiative for Neighborhood Watch (NW) in 1972 and has maintained a close working relationship with local law enforcement;

WHEREAS, the NSA has supported the efforts of local law enforcement to establish, maintain, and improve local community participation through crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch;

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Watch Program is celebrating its 40th anniversary on June 18;

WHEREAS, the goal of Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch.org, to organize and unite communities to increase public safety and improve the quality of life, is an effective means to reduce crime and provide better safety and security;

WHEREAS, the most important factor of the success of the program is the willingness of neighbors to help each other build a better community;

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch is a time-honored tradition, with over 25,000 groups, 7,000 law enforcement agencies, and 2.5 million participants throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, Boris the Burglar®, the recognized logo for Watch Groups, is one of the most recognized images in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association continues to recognize the importance of all Watch Groups and programs in its efforts in improving the quality of life and maintains its commitment to promote and support the crime prevention initiatives of Neighborhood Watch-USAonWatch;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly encourages participation in Neighborhood Watch programs by all law enforcement agencies and citizens.

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