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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES
THE HIRING OF MILITARY VETERANS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, there continues to be a demand in sheriff's office and law enforcement agencies nationwide to hire qualified men and women as law enforcement officers;

WHEREAS, America's war veterans and their families have sacrificed so much to serve this country;

WHEREAS, our veterans are among the best trained and most disciplined group of men and women in the country;

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate of our nation's veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan is a staggering 12.1%;

WHEREAS, in the 2012 State of the Union Address, President Obama stressed the need to put military veterans, particularly post-9/11 veterans, back to work;

WHEREAS, during the FY2012 funding cycle from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, law enforcement agencies were required to hire post-9/11 veterans if using the funding to hire new law enforcement officers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports and encourages the hiring of military veterans, particularly post-9/11 veterans, as law enforcement officers in sheriff's offices and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

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