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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS STRENGTHENING  
THE UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) provides Sheriffs with access to continued education and training, and acts as the voice for all Sheriffs on Federal policies that impact our communities, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act, 8 USC §1073, is a Federal law designed to aid in the apprehension for prosecution of a person who moves or travels in interstate or foreign commerce with the intent to avoid criminal proceedings, and;

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose of the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act is to permit the Federal government to assist in the location and apprehension of fugitives from State justice, and;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America recognizes 566 Tribal nations as domestically dependent nations with sovereignty within the United States, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act does not currently provide for the prosecution of fugitives from State justice who move from non-Tribal land to Tribal land within a State, and;

**WHEREAS**, flight to avoid prosecution onto Tribal lands both delays and denies justice for victims; endangers Tribal communities; and thwarts the legitimate aims of Federal, State, and Tribal justice systems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports any amendment to strengthen the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act in order to provide a Federal charge for fugitives from State justice who move from non-Tribal land to Tribal land within a State.