



2018-05

**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE
REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)**

WHEREAS, the RISS Program was established by Congress in 1974 to enhance the ability of local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement member agencies to identify, target, arrest, and prosecute criminal conspirators and support law enforcement investigations and prosecution efforts;

WHEREAS, RISS serves as one of the nation's most comprehensive law enforcement information sharing resources, building more than 45 years of trust among its more than 143,000 participants and users;

WHEREAS, RISS has more than 9,000 participating agencies, including 1,700 sheriffs' offices, and contains hundreds of available resources;

WHEREAS, RISS successfully assists law enforcement agencies in predicting, deterring, identifying, apprehending, and convicting violent and destructive offenders, such as violent criminals, drug traffickers, gang members, child predators, organized criminal elements, human traffickers, and criminals who steal the identity of others;

WHEREAS, RISS operates the only secure, Web-based nationwide network, known as the RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET), for communication and exchange of criminal intelligence and other investigative information by local, state, federal, and tribal participating law enforcement agencies; RISSNET is a leader in developing and implementing a single sign-on solution;

WHEREAS, RISS developed the RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe), which stores and maintains data on planned law enforcement investigative events, with the goal of identifying and alerting nearby law enforcement agencies and officers of potential geographical conflicts to help avoid "blue on blue" or friendly-fire tragedies;

WHEREAS, our nation's citizens expect criminal justice agencies to protect our communities from violence, terrorism, drugs, and other criminal activities;

WHEREAS, the success of RISS is dependent upon all law enforcement agencies sharing target and operation information of their criminal investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports RISS as a valuable information sharing tool, investigative support service, and officer safety resource for law enforcement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly supports increased funding in Congress for RISS.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association on June 18, 2018, at the Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs' Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. This resolution to remain in effect until June 24, 2022, in accordance with Article XIII, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Sheriffs' Association.