WHEREAS, cybercrime is out of control, and the Nation’s Sheriffs, their law enforcement partners, and U.S. policymakers must do more to combat the global cyber threat;

WHEREAS, the NSA Homeland Security Committee’s Cybersecurity and Crime Work Group, Chaired by Sheriff David Goad (Ret.), and whose members include sheriffs and deputies, state and local police, prosecutors, and private sector firms, has been working diligently on developing approaches and solutions that can be executed upon by the nation’s sheriffs, working in and through the NSA, to make a difference in combating the cyberthreat, and is focused especially on NSA Training and Certification Programs that can aid sheriffs and their partners in investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes, and in making sheriffs’ Offices more cybersecure;

WHEREAS, the Work Group has developed and presented to the Homeland Security Committee, and the Homeland Security Committee has approved and recommended, a Plan for the NSA Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators Program, Led by the Nation’s Sheriffs and Trained and Certified by NSA, to launch the NSA Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators Program led by Sheriffs and Deputies, to investigate and support prosecution of cybercrimes, and to advance five priorities:

- NSA Training, especially through the NSA Institute for Cyber Security;
- NSA Certification of Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators (NSA Institute for Cyber Security);
- Outreach to Sheriffs & Deputies in Building A National Network of Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators;
- Development and Maintenance of A Shared Cybercrime Resources Database; and
- Development of A National Network of Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in order to more deeply engage the Nation’s Sheriffs and Deputies in the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes and to step up the law enforcement response to cybercrime and the cyber threat, the National Sheriffs’ Association hereby supports and adopts the NSA Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators Program;
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs’ Association urges the Nation’s Sheriffs and Deputies, Sheriffs’ partners in municipal, State and Federal police, the Nation’s prosecutors, Sheriffs’ partners in Federal Agencies and International Police Organizations, and the Nation’s cybercrime investigators in public agencies and in private firms, to join with the Nation’s Sheriffs in working collaboratively to make a material difference in stemming the cyberthreat facing the Nation, by more effectively combatting cybercrime through the NSA Law Enforcement Cyber Investigators Program.

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.