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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS NIAC'S CALL FOR BOLD APPROACHES TO FIGHT THE CYBER THREAT

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association ("NSA") and the Nation's Sheriffs have long-recognized the need for bold new approaches on combatting the cyber threat and, in that vein, have been instrumental in launching the NSA-supported National Cybercrime Investigators Program ("NCIP") as the nationwide local law enforcement vehicle to precipitate a more robust local law enforcement response to investigating and prosecuting cybercriminals;

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC), in its report entitled "Transforming the U.S. Cyber Threat Partnership" ("NIAC Report"), focuses on countering cyber risks to critical infrastructure entities with National Security Implications, and calls for establishment of the "Critical Infrastructure Command Center (CICC)" to improve the real-time sharing and processing of private and public classified and other data with cyber experts from companies at greatest risk, and the "Federal Cybersecurity Commission (FCSC)" as an independent U.S. government entity to mitigate catastrophic cyber risks to critical infrastructure that have potential national security impacts;

WHEREAS, in the NIAC Report, NIAC states: "Mr. President, America's companies are fighting a cyber war against multi-billion-dollar nation-state cyber forces that they cannot win on their own. Incremental steps are no longer sufficient; bold approaches must be taken. Your leadership is needed to provide companies with the intelligence, resources, and legal protection necessary to win this war and avoid the dire consequences of losing it.";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NSA, on behalf of Sheriffs and their law enforcement and critical infrastructure partners engaged in investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes, supports NIAC's call for Federal intelligence, resources, and legal protection necessary to mitigate catastrophic cyber risks to critical infrastructure with potential national security impacts, and to win the cyber war with foreign state actors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NSA calls on the President and other Federal policymakers to appropriately integrate NCIP, and its unclassified supporting efforts for the Nation's Sheriffs and their partners in fighting cybercrime, with the CICC and the FCSC, and to provide supporting resources to NCIP to win the war against cybercrime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NSA calls on NIAC and its critical infrastructure members to collaboratively engage with and support the NSA-supported NCIP as the Nation's key local law enforcement investigation and prosecution response to cybercrime and the cyber threat.