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**THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ENACTMENT OF
THE CIVILIAN CYBER SECURITY RESERVE ACT**

WHEREAS, U.S. Senators Jacky Rosen (NV) and Marsha Blackburn (TN) and Representatives Jimmy Panetta (CA) and Ken Calvert (CA) have introduced the Civilian Cyber Security Reserve Act ("Act"), S.1324 & H.R.2894, to establish the Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve program to marshal cybersecurity-trained civilian personnel to ensure the U.S. Government has the talent needed to address cyber vulnerabilities and keep our nation safe, especially at times of greatest need;

WHEREAS, the Act would require that voluntary Civilian Cybersecurity Reservists have prior Federal Government or uniformed services experience and an active security clearance;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association is very aware of the national security threat, as well as the public safety threat, posed by the Cybersecurity Workforce Shortage and the need for Civilian Cybersecurity Reservists to provide surge capacity to the U.S. Government at times of greatest need, as exemplified by the on-going SolarWinds cyberattack;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association launched and supports the National Cybercrime Investigators Program (NCIP), www.NCIP.tech, a parallel effort aimed at providing the Nation's Sheriffs, Police Chiefs and Prosecutors with tools and a clear path forward for more robustly investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes;

WHEREAS, many personnel of NCIP-participating and other local law enforcement agencies would qualify as Civilian Cybersecurity Reservists, and they, their agencies and the communities they serve would benefit from the experience gained from service as Civilian Cybersecurity Reservists;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports passage of the Civilian Cyber Security Reserve Act, as legislation very much in the Nation's National Security and Public Safety interest;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association urges that upon passage of the Act, NCIP and the Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve Program work together to more deeply engage qualified local law enforcement personnel in the Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve Program.