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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS CYBERSECURITY
BEST PRACTICES AND THE STOP.THINK.CONNECT. CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the National Cyber Security Division in 2003 and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels;

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM Campaign is a national awareness effort designed to educate all citizens about cybersecurity awareness;

WHEREAS, Stop.Think.Connect. encourages Americans to be more vigilant about practicing safe online habits; ensuring that Internet safety is perceived as a shared responsibility at home, in the workplace, and throughout our communities; and transforming the way the public, private, and non-profit sectors and the federal government collaborate to make cybersecurity a reality;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and assert our shared responsibility in securing this strategic national asset as citizens of the U.S., owners of private networks, and patrons of public networks that contain health, financial, and personal identifiable information as well as intellectual property;

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our nation, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business;

WHEREAS, we further acknowledge that securing cyberspace is a shared responsibility that requires partnerships that promote cybersecurity awareness, cybersecurity education, and technological innovation, whereby government and industry work together to share information and promote cross sector collaboration;

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the efforts of the federal government to secure our nation's cyberspace, infrastructure, and various assets that use the Internet to engage the American public;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign, which is designed to bring cybersecurity awareness to the forefront of communities across the country to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empower the American public to be safer and more secure online.

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