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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AS A
PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENT**

WHEREAS, the law enforcement leaders of the National Sheriffs' Association and Fight Crime: Invest in Kids are dedicated to public safety and work tirelessly to fight crime and remove dangerous criminals from our communities, and;

WHEREAS, providing for public safety is one of the principal goals of the National Sheriffs' Association and the 3,083 Offices of Sheriff in this Nation, and;

WHEREAS, rigorous scientific research, and our years of experience on the front lines fighting crime, demonstrate that one of the best ways we can reduce crime and improve public safety is by investing in high-quality early childhood programs that provide children a solid foundation for success, and;

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood programs, including parent coaching that reduces child abuse and neglect, provide a significant return on investment through reduced crime and associated costs, improved academic outcomes and less need for special or remedial education, and increased productivity of the future workforce, and;

WHEREAS, research shows that it is only through high-quality programming that public safety and cost benefits accrue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association calls on policymakers to prioritize investments in high-quality early childhood programs, including voluntary home visiting programs that reduce child abuse and neglect.