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**THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ROBUST
EXPERTISE SHARING THROUGH FBI CYBER TASK FORCES & RCFLS**

WHEREAS, through its network of 56 Field Offices, the FBI has established an FBI Cyber Task Force (CTF) for each State, composed of Federal agency representatives, State and local law enforcement and critical infrastructure firms, to promote effective collaboration and deconfliction of efforts at both the local and national level;

WHEREAS, in coordination with local and State law enforcement agencies Nationwide, the FBI has established 17 Regional Computer Forensics Labs (RCFLs) to serve as digital forensics task forces to technically examine the array of cyber incident and digital forensics issues facing every local law enforcement agency;

WHEREAS, CTFs focus on Investigations of cyber incidents and RCFLs focus on more technical Examinations covering a broad range of digital forensic investigations;

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 a more robust law enforcement response to cybersecurity incidents;

WHEREAS, in light of this need, the Nation's Sheriffs have launched and support the National Cybercrime Investigators Program (NCIP), www.NCIP.tech, which is focused on providing Sheriffs, Police Chiefs and Prosecutors with tools and a clear path forward for more robustly investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes;

WHEREAS, NCIP has concluded that joint action between CTFs, RCFLs and the Nation's Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and Prosecutors to investigate cyber incidents, conduct victim-based investigations and share information about emerging threats, are essential to efforts of Sheriffs, Chiefs and Prosecutors to gear up to more robustly fight the cyber threat;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the efforts of FBI Cyber Task Forces and Regional Computer Forensic Labs to support state and local law enforcement in their cyber incident and digital forensic investigation efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association urges that CTFs and RCFLs continue and expand their efforts in responding to cyber incidents by providing cyber expertise in support of NCIP-participating Sheriffs, Chiefs, and Prosecutors in investigating and examining cyber incidents, and in keeping Sheriffs, Chiefs, and Prosecutors informed regarding emerging threats, vulnerabilities and collection opportunities that exist.