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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF
A NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE
FALLEN AND A NATIONAL MUSEUM TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY
OF SEARCH AND RESCUE**

WHEREAS, search and rescue personnel are dedicated, highly trained individuals who risk their lives to locate the lost and/or injured in a variety of situations such as the wildness, natural disasters, or terrorist attacks;

WHEREAS, the vast majority search and rescue personnel are unpaid volunteers who assist sheriffs, police, and fire in the event of missing, lost, or injured individual;

WHEREAS, search and rescue personnel are routinely subjected to dangerous situations such as avalanches, falls, helicopter crashes, and inclement weather, which has resulted in their own injuries or deaths;

WHEREAS, more than 500 search and rescue personnel have died during search and rescue missions and trainings, including 343 individuals who died as a result of the World Trade Centers;

WHEREAS, the motto of search and rescue is: "That Others May Live";

WHEREAS, there is a need to honor and recognize the brave men and women who participate in search and rescue missions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the creation of a national memorial to honor the fallen search and rescue personnel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the creation of a national museum to preserve the history of search and rescue service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports an annual National Search and Rescue Week to be observed in the month of May as slated by the National Association for Search and Rescue.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Anaheim, CA on June 29, 2010.