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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS
EFFORTS BY THE STATES TO REDUCE THE
AVAILABILITY OF METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSORS**

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association is concerned about the dangers posed by the production and sale of methamphetamine in local communities, and;

WHEREAS, methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant which causes violent behavior, anxiety, confusion, insomnia, paranoia, aggression, visual and auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, and delusions, and;

WHEREAS, the production of methamphetamine and the occurrence of methamphetamine laboratories remain an ongoing source of concern across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the production of methamphetamine requires the availability of several precursor chemicals, including pseudoephedrine, which may be diverted from legitimate medical channels, and;

WHEREAS, over 30 States have reduced domestic methamphetamine production by limiting the sale of precursor chemicals through electronic tracking and/or prescription requirements, and;

WHEREAS, electronic tracking and prescription requirements are cost-effective means of limiting the availability of chemical precursors and are effective law enforcement tools in methamphetamine investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports efforts to reduce the sale and production of methamphetamine through state regulation of precursor chemicals.