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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS STATE ALARM LICENSING

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) supports efforts of the life safety alarm and electronic security industries, represented by the Electronic Security Association (ESA) and its chapters across the country, to secure passage of state licensing and regulation statutes that endeavor to protect the safety of consumers, and;

WHEREAS, NSA understands that the ESA supports such licensing laws, which are still needed in roughly half the states, and;

WHEREAS, NSA believes state licensing of alarm and monitoring companies increases public safety, protects the consumer and facilitates a consistent, high level of professionalism in the electronic security industry, and;

WHEREAS, licensing requirements can include certification and training, continuing education, compliance with background checks at the federal and state levels, and offer greater protection for residential and commercial establishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association encourages the adoption of strong consumer protection laws that deter dangerous and deceptive sales practices regarding alarm systems, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports licensing requirements and other regulations governing individuals in the electronic security industry that are commensurate with the responsibilities that individual performs, and recommends that individuals with the ability to install, move, repair, replace, service, disarm, or reconfigure an alarm system or any component connected to an alarm system at an end-user's premises should be properly licensed, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals selling systems or services, and those responsible for monitoring security systems, should be appropriately screened and background-checked, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association lends its endorsement to the alarm industry and its efforts to pass such legislation, recognizing that state licensing and regulation will help protect the security and general well-being of the public.