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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, sheriffs are elected and reelected directly by the people of the counties they serve and as such are the embodiment of accountable law enforcement leadership;

Whereas elected sheriffs swear to equally protect the rights of all individuals and to enforce and administer their sworn duties in accordance with applicable State Constitutions and under the United States Constitution;

Whereas elected sheriffs with broad countywide law enforcement authority are incentivized to implement sustained results-oriented approaches to enforcement, corrections, and community engagement as opposed to short-term politically driven approaches;

Whereas a lack of consultation by county officials with an elected sheriff on issues of accountability and reform demonstrate a disregard for the intent of county citizens who elected the sheriff;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) opposes efforts to unjustifiably remove broad law enforcement authorities from the Office of the Sheriff of King County, Washington.

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian
President

Sheriff Mark D. Napier
Vice President