Support for Inclusion of Law Enforcement Agencies in Proposals Designed to Improve National Intelligence Capabilities

WHEREAS, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 changed forever the responsibilities of government to protect its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congressional and Commission hearings into the events that led up to September 11, 2001 have concluded a system wide failure in the gathering, analysis and dissemination of information played a major role in this nation's inability to protect itself; and

WHEREAS, members of local law enforcement had numerous contacts with the persons who later conducted the attacks, and

WHEREAS, the IACP convened two summits, the Criminal Intelligence Sharing Summit and the Summit to address these failures from a state, tribal and local perspective; and

WHEREAS, the conclusions of both of these summits called for a dramatic increase, within the guidelines of Constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, in the capabilities for gathering and sharing of intelligence between all law enforcement agencies and the private sector; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the membership of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) call upon its executive committee and staff to monitor the developments in the intelligence arena and oppose any proposals that does not include the considerations and needs of law enforcement; and be it

FURTHER RESOVED, that the IACP again present the findings of its Summits and the products of the Global Intelligence Working Group to any government forum addressing the issues related to the collection, analyzing and dissemination of Intelligence.