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# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS "THE RADKIDS: PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM"

**WHEREAS,** providing for public safety for children and families is one of the principal goals of the National Sheriffs' Association and our Nation's 3,083 Offices of Sheriff;

**WHEREAS,** our Nation's Offices of Sheriff work on a round-the-clock basis 24/7 in the fight against crime and in removing and preventing predatory criminals from taking control of our streets and neighborhoods;

**WHEREAS,** rigorous scientific research and years of "hands-on" experience demonstrate that crime can be greatly reduced by providing quality violence and crime prevention education in early education and child care programs for all families, after-school programs, and community policing interventions designed to improve parenting and prevent child abuse and neglect as well as to prevent predatory violence from abduction, sexual assault, molestation and bullying in schools;

**WHEREAS,** investments in this Nation's communities personal safety education reduces crime and increases opportunity for self realization and personal empowerment in not only children's lives but for all Americans;

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** that the National Sheriffs' Association calls on all public officials to fully support the "radKIDS: Personal Empowerment Safety Education Program" for children and families throughout our Nation's communities by providing quality research based, realistic and empowering, activity-based radKIDS programs for all children and families across this National thereby decreasing child abuse, neglect and violence in our children's lives.

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