

Florida Sheriffs Association Presidential Proclamation

Commending Attorney General McCollum's Efforts to Reduce Gangs in Florida

WHEREAS the Sheriffs of Florida have long understood the negative impact that gangs and gang related violence exerts on our youth, our schools and communities and that gang related activity poses a threat to the safety and security of all citizens in our state.

WHEREAS the Sheriffs of Florida understand an effective strategy to stop the threat to public safety brought about by gang violence must engage the entire community (i.e.: faith, business, education, prevention and intervention, law enforcement and concerned citizens).

WHEREAS Attorney General Bill McCollum made gang reduction one of the top priorities of his administration and he oversaw the development of the state's first Statewide Gang Reduction Strategy which was implemented via a coordinating council and seven (7) regional gang task forces.

WHEREAS because of Attorney General Bill McCollum's leadership great strides were made to educate youth, make prevention/intervention more effective, improve law enforcement and dramatically reduce gang membership and gang related crime throughout Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Sheriffs Association commends Attorney General Bill McCollum for the role he played in the development and implementation of the Florida Gang Reduction Strategy and his efforts to make Florida a safer place.

Presented this 7th Day of December 2010.

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