



**Florida Sheriffs Association
Resolution 2013-3**

**Florida Sheriffs Association Resolution
in Support of Federal Legislation to Prohibit Online Gambling**

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution in Article VIII, Section 1(d), created the Office of the Sheriff and invested the Sheriff with certain powers necessary to carry out his or her duties to serve and protect the public; and

WHEREAS, Florida Sheriffs are dedicated to protecting Florida's citizens and advocating for positive changes in our state's public safety arena; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution Article X, Section 7 prohibits lotteries, except as authorized by law, and section 849.08 of the Florida Statutes prohibits gambling; and

WHEREAS, Florida Sheriffs have continually opposed the expansion of gambling in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the easy access offered by online gambling, in addition, to its rapid rate of play and the isolative and anonymous nature of the medium, can accelerate the severity of a gambling addiction; and

WHEREAS, compulsive gamblers have high rates of depression, alcohol and drug abuse, and personality disorders, and gambling can lead to increased debt; criminal behavior, including the presence of organized crime; and detrimental effects on Florida's families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that on this 5th day of August 2013 at the Summer Conference in Marco Island, Florida, the Florida Sheriffs Association publicly acknowledges and reiterates its opposition to the expansion of gaming through online gambling and asserts its support of federal legislation that prohibits online gambling.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION:

Susan Benton

Sheriff Susan Benton
President

ATTEST:

Steve Casey

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Executive Director

