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## Florida Sheriffs Association Opposes the Building of Private Facilities to House Illegal Aliens in Florida

**Whereas**, the Florida Sheriffs Association was established in 1893, by the Sheriffs of Florida.

**Whereas**, the Sheriffs in Florida are the Chief Law Enforcement Officers in their counties.

**Whereas**, the Sheriffs in Florida have always worked closely with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies to ensure public safety.

**Whereas**, the Sheriffs in Florida recognize immigration is important to the future of the United States of America.

**Whereas**, the Sheriffs in Florida have contracted with ICE in Wakulla, Glades, Baker and Monroe Counties and assist homeland security with incarceration of illegal aliens.

**Whereas**, these four (4) counties combined provide more than 1000 beds to assist with this important mission.

**Whereas**, it has come to the attention of the Sheriffs in Florida that ICE is in the preliminary stages of planning a 1,800 bed privately run facility in Broward County, Florida.

**Whereas**, this facility would be economically devastating to the mentioned counties due to the withdrawal of rented bed space by ICE from local Sheriffs.

**Whereas**, these county Sheriffs entered into an agreement with ICE to go into these ventures and rely on a continued partnership.

**Whereas**, these county Sheriffs made significant changes to their facilities to meet the requirements of ICE and expended over 75 million dollars and it would be detrimental to taxpayers if jail bed revenue was withdrawn by ICE.

**Whereas**, over 200 local jobs will be lost in these counties if ICE withdraws from the rental of bed space in these 5 counties.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Sheriffs of Florida unanimously oppose the building of this privately run facility and encourage ICE to continue to partner with these Sheriffs to house illegal aliens as agreed upon.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST 2011**, by the General Membership of the Florida Sheriffs Association in Florida.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION



Sheriff Harrell Reid  
President

ATTEST



Steve Casey  
Executive Director