



FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Resolution 2009-2

July 21, 2009

WHEREAS, the Florida Sheriffs Association has historically opposed the continuing expansion of gambling in the State of Florida, and has particularly opposed casino-style gambling; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Sheriffs Association has passed numerous resolutions stating their continuing opposition to gambling, and have again voted in 2009 to oppose the continuous expansion of gambling in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Sheriffs Association opposes the expansion of gaming with the Seminole Indian Tribe beyond what is allowed in Broward and Dade Counties, and as is prohibited by the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Sheriffs Association specifically opposes the expansion and legalization of gambling in the guise of "sweepstakes" or a "retail contrivance" to engage in gambling; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Sheriffs Association opposes the expansion of increased gambling at licensed pari-mutual operations beyond the borders of Dade and Broward Counties; and

WHEREAS, gambling is a serious addiction and a disease that destroys lives and families, and creates demands on already strained social and governmental services; and

WHEREAS, gambling is a magnet for expanded criminal enterprise creating further economic woes for the citizens and businesses of surrounding communities, and an ever-growing demand on law enforcement;


NOW, THEREFORE, The Florida Sheriffs Association encourages the Governor and the Legislature to not succumb to the allure of balancing the budget on gambling revenues that are derived from broken bank accounts, misspent pay checks and an addiction that destroys families.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Florida Sheriffs Association encourages the Florida Legislature, the Governor and the Florida Cabinet to oppose the continuing expansion of gambling in the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY 2009, by the General Membership of the Florida Sheriffs Association in Florida.

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