



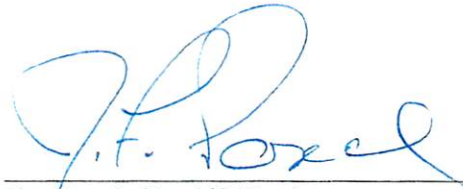
WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03
March 26, 2015

- WHEREAS;** The Western States Sheriffs' Association represents Sheriffs from 15 western states to provide access to continuing education and training as well as a voice for Sheriffs on federal policies and laws that impact our communities; and
- WHEREAS;** The Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act, 8 USC, Section 1073, is a Federal law designed to aid in the apprehension for prosecution of a person who moves or travels in interstate or foreign commerce with the intent to avoid criminal proceedings; and
- WHEREAS;** The primary purpose of the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act is to permit the Federal Government to assist in the location and apprehension of fugitives from state justice; and
- WHEREAS;** The United States of America recognizes 566 tribal nations as domestic dependent nations with sovereignty within the United States; and
- WHEREAS;** The Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act does not currently provide permission for the Federal government to assist in the location, apprehension or prosecution of fugitives from state justice who move from non-tribal land to tribal land within the same state or a different state; and
- WHEREAS;** Flight to avoid prosecution onto tribal lands both delays and denies justice for victims, endangers tribal communities and thwarts the legitimate aims of Federal, state and tribal justice systems;
- THEREFORE:** Let it be resolved that the Western States Sheriffs' Association supports an amendment to strengthen the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Act in order to provide Federal assistance and/or charges for fugitives from state justice who flee to tribal lands to avoid state prosecution.

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