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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS REFLECTORIZED  
VEHICLE VALIDATION STICKERS ON LICENSE PLATES**

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials are charged with numerous responsibilities, including the enforcement of laws that frequently involve the use of motor vehicles and other equipment;

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicles are used in 70 percent of all of the serious crimes committed in the United States and the quick discovery of such vehicles can help solve these crimes;

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials routinely, in the normal discharge of their duties, are called upon to determine the validity of a vehicle's registration;

**WHEREAS**, two (2) fully reflective validation stickers displaying month and year attached to the license plate provides law enforcement personnel with a complete recognition system and proof of proper vehicle registration while allowing the officer/deputy to remain in his or her vehicle;

**WHEREAS**, an effort to repeal the requirement for the validation sticker is sometimes made in response to budgetary considerations;

**WHEREAS**, if such efforts were successful, they would have a serious and negative effect on the ability of law enforcement officers to effectively identify invalid license plate registration and initiate probable cause to stop suspicious vehicles;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly opposes deleting the requirement for fully reflectORIZED vehicle validation stickers;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Sheriffs' Association strongly supports the adoption and incorporation of fully reflectORIZED validation stickers indicating the month and year and additionally designated for use on an annual basis on the license plate of all motor vehicles registered and operated on our nation's roadways.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on June 23, 2009.