iWATCH

WHEREAS, the Major City Chiefs Association has fully resolved to support the national adoption of a Suspicious Activities Reporting (SAR) initiative to ensure that local law enforcement establishes the capability to gather, document, process, analyze, and share information regarding suspicious behaviors, incidents, and activities that may be indicative of criminal activity related to international and domestic terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Major Cities Chiefs Association further recognizes that community participation in reporting suspicious activity and behavior is critical to the success of SAR, analysis and sharing of all terrorism-related activities and behaviors that are critical to efforts to protect local communities from terrorism-related crime and violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Major Cities Chiefs Association adopts the iWATCH Community Engagement program of the Suspicious Activities Reporting initiative as an important guideline, viewed as a living or evolving document, and a valuable tool to improve the existing methods of gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing of suspicious activity and behavior; Further, that the Major Cities Chiefs Association will support the implementation of the iWATCH program as a critical component of the Suspicious Activities Reporting initiative consistent with local and state laws and regulations; Further, that the Major City Chiefs Association will work with and assist law enforcement agencies in understanding and utilizing the iWATCH Suspicious Activities Reporting Community Engagement program; and Further, that the Major Cities Chiefs Association recommends working with law enforcement associations for broad adoption nationally.