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WSSA RESOLUTION #2016-04 OPPOSITION TO H.R. 3399 IN THE 114TH CONGRESS – 2016

Whereas: Western States Sheriffs' Association represents the Sheriffs of its member States and,

Whereas: Many of the members operate jails within each of their respective counties and,

Whereas: Sheriffs are responsible for the safety and well-being of the citizens and inmates in their care and,

Whereas: Many jails use nationally recognized systems for the classification of inmates that utilizes many different factors in order to guide the jail in providing proper housing for the inmate and,

Whereas: Solitary confinement is an option utilized for the protection of the inmate, other inmates as well as staff in detention facilities as well as a tool to compel rule adherence within said facilities and,


Whereas: H.R. 3399 is predisposed in its findings to the point that it requires study, but regardless of the outcomes of the study, requires reduction in the use of solitary confinement and,


Whereas: The issues and concerns regarding solitary confinement also include deliberate indifference by those responsible for the care of inmates and the deprivation of medical and other necessary services, not the legitimate use of housing inmates in the safest environment for all concerned.

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Western States Sheriffs' Association members call on the United States Congress to defeat H.R. 3399 in the 114th Congress – 2016 and all subsequent bills of this nature.

Be It Further Resolved that the Western States Sheriffs' Association members request that any future talks of such legislation includes representation from the National Sheriffs' Association and the Western States Sheriffs' Association.

Hereby resolved this 2nd day of March, 2016 at the annual conference of the Western States Sheriffs' Association.


Sheriff Dave Brown, President
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