

# WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



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## WSSA RESOLUTION 23-2

**Whereas;** Elected Sheriffs across the western United States stand steadfast in upholding their oath of office and protecting the communities they serve and,

**Whereas;** Sheriffs embrace personal accountability to uphold the rule of law as required by the oath we take and,

**Whereas;** we continue to witness the failures of the federal government in carrying out its responsibilities to both upholding the oath they swore to and upholding the rule of law specific to securing our nation's borders and,

**Whereas;** During the 2022 Fiscal Year, encounters at the Southwest Border reached record numbers, and encounters in Fiscal Year 2023 are nearly twenty percent higher than in 2022. The consequences of the federal government's inaction are being felt across the nation and,

**Whereas;** Mexican drug cartels and gang members are bringing record levels of fentanyl and other drugs into America's communities and Sheriffs lack the necessary personnel, technology and resources to combat these criminal institutions and,

**Whereas;** A small coalition of America's Governors, led by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, have recognized the gravity of the tragedy along the southwest border and have come together to collectively share information, resources and personnel to create safer communities, combat the movement of drugs and slow the influx of illegal immigration.

## **THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the membership of the Western States Sheriffs Association,**

We recognize and applaud the leadership exerted by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and the Governors of Texas, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and Idaho in working in a cooperative and meticulous manner to partner with Sheriffs in the interest of public safety.

The continued leadership of America's Governors is critical to reducing and eliminating many of the far-reaching impacts that are being witnessed in our communities.

The Western States Sheriffs Association continues to stand in solidarity and support of restoring law and order at the southwest border and welcomes the continued support of Governor DeSantis and his executive leadership team.

Furthermore, we call on the Governors of every State to join the effort and commit resources and coordinate efforts that will enhance the difficult task of upholding the rule of law and defending the National Security of this great nation.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023

Sheriff Corey Helton, Lea County NM  
President, WSSA



