**Resolution in Support of Full and Complete Access to**

**Criminal History Record Information for Law Enforcement Certification Purposes**

Submitted by: The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST)

WHEREAS, the Directors of the individual Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) agencies in the United States and Territories are responsible to prevent persons with disqualifying criminal histories from gaining and/or maintaining employment or volunteering as law enforcement officers within the United States, to reduce the vulnerability of the citizens to police misconduct, and to generally safeguard the safety and well-being of the People of the United States;

WHEREAS, POST agencies act in roles that are traditionally law enforcement and criminal justice agency duties, such as performing detection and investigation of crimes within their statutory authority;

WHEREAS, POST agencies operate in support of traditional criminal justice and law enforcement agencies’ missions;

WHEREAS, over fifty thousand individuals annually apply for employment as law enforcement officers within the United States of America;

WHEREAS, local, county, state and tribal law enforcement agencies submit these individuals to their state POSTs for certification;

WHEREAS, all of these individuals voluntarily consent in writing to disclosure of their Criminal History Record Information in applying for employment to perform the duties of a law enforcement officer;

WHEREAS, existing laws may prevent the POST agencies from receiving full and complete Criminal History Record Information contained in criminal record repositories of the federal government and the respective states;

WHEREAS, this prohibition is directly related to the current construct of 28 USC 534 and CFR 28 Part 20, and accompanying policy and procedures through the FBI Advisory Policy Board;

WHEREAS, the inability of the POST agencies to obtain full and complete access to Criminal History Record Information may result in individuals with otherwise disqualifying criminal histories to attain employment or volunteer as law enforcement officers, and;

WHEREAS, the public trust towards law enforcement is irreparably harmed when individuals that should have been disqualified from appointment have the opportunity to misuse their position of authority;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training proposes to amend 28 USC 534 and CFR 28 Part 20 and accompanying policy and procedures through the FBI Advisory Policy Board to authorize the state POST agencies to receive the full and complete criminal history records information and other criminal justice datasets maintained federally and by the respective states upon proper application for such access.