



**RESOLUTION
TRANSITIONAL PAROLE**

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 1998, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles adopted a resolution to amend its parole guidelines to include that offenders convicted of certain violent offenses, including the offense of burglary of a residence, would be required to serve time equal to or greater than ninety-percent of the prison sentence imposed by the sentencing court; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of inmates convicted of an offense that meets the ninety-percent time served requirement will eventually complete their sentences and return to the communities of our state; and

WHEREAS, research concludes that inmates who are released to strict community supervision are less likely to commit new crimes than those who are released directly into the community without supervision; and

WHEREAS, after a long term of incarceration, the safety of the public is enhanced if offenders are required to participate in rehabilitative programs such as, but not limited to, drug testing, electronic monitoring, sex offender counseling, mental health counseling, domestic violence/anger management counseling, and problem-solving training; and

WHEREAS, many offenders require supervision to ensure that they meet their obligations, to include: compliance with registration requirements, payment of restitution to victims, and support of legal dependents; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles has proposed revising the parole guidelines regarding the ninety-percent time served requirement, to include that offenders must serve a minimum of one year of supervised transitional parole, after release. The requirement of a minimum of one year of transitional parole will enhance the ability of the offender to safely reintegrate back into society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to enhance the safety of the citizens of Georgia, and to decrease the probability of repeat offenders, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police supports the proposal of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to revise the ninety-percent time served guideline so that offenders must serve a minimum of one year in a supervised transitional parole status.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2003.

George A. Potter, President