



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE RESOLUTION

Submitted by President Stacey L. Cotton, the Executive Board, Executive Director Frank Vincent Rotondo, and the State Wide Membership of the Association.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police is a professional association of law enforcement chief executives, professional managers, and individuals dedicated to the improvement of the standards of professionalism, integrity, efficiency and effectiveness in protecting the liberties, rights, lives, and property of the citizens of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, through their training and professional experience, recognize that these objectives only can be attained with the complete and willing collaboration between all members of a law enforcement agency giving wholehearted support to and obtaining the respect, trust from the citizens whom they serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, the needs of effective and efficient law enforcement demand recognition that the distinct and unique character of each community which each law enforcement agency serves is best expressed through local community control of the terms and conditions of law enforcement agency members' employment; and

WHEREAS, the training and experience of the members of the law enforcement community demonstrate beyond question that adoption of the inherently adversarial and competitive nature of the collective bargaining process as the means of establishing terms and conditions of employment for law enforcement agency members presents overwhelming impediments to attitudes of collaboration, cooperation, and the mutual respect and trust required to efficiently and effectively accomplish law enforcement's legitimate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate currently is considering as an amendment to supplemental war funding legislation adoption of the Public Safety Employer Employee Cooperation Act (HB 413) ("PSEECA") which will impose federal laws and regulations upon uniquely state and local communities by imposing a federally-regulated collective bargaining process upon state and local communities' control over critical decisions affecting their public safety employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the PSEECA is an unconstitutional usurpation of state and local communities' rights and responsibilities, in violation of the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments to the United States Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and its members voice their wholehearted and vigorous opposition to the adoption of the PSEECA; and,

That the GACP and its members hereby urge Georgia's Congressional Delegation including its United States Senators and Congressmen, to do everything within their power to protect the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia, and to preserve the rights and privileges of the citizens of Georgia to exercise local control over decisions vitally affecting their own lives, safety, the integrity of their communities and the terms and conditions of employment for their public safety employees by opposing and seeking the rejection of the PSEECA by the United States House of Representatives and by the United States Senate; and,

That, the GACP and its members urge the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Georgia, in the event that, despite the professional law enforcement community's overwhelming opposition to the legislation, the PSEECA is enacted into federal law, they immediately initiate or join a suit to enjoin the enforcement of the PSEECA and to declare it unconstitutional.

This _____ day of July, 2010.

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