

**RESOLUTION  
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
NOMENCLATURE ACT OF 1996**

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 the Georgia Legislature enacted legislation 35-10-1 et seq. known as the Municipal and County Police Departments' Nomenclature Act of 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this legislation is to protect the good name of municipal and county police departments, which have provided quality law enforcement services to the citizens of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, any departments' name, nomenclature including the current or historical symbol, including any emblem, seal, and badge is the most visible symbol of that department to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature recognized that it is contrary to the health, safety, and public welfare of the citizens of Georgia for any individual or organization to act in a manner that would mislead the public into believing that a member of the public is dealing with any municipal or county police department or member thereof when in fact the individual or organization is not the municipal or county police department or member thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, certain individuals and organizations use the name of municipal and county police departments in conjunction with their name for private benefit including the solicitation of funds and political endorsements; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that to ensure that the good name and reputation of municipal and county police departments are protected and that citizens are not misled by private organizations, the Georgia Association of Chief's of Police supports the authority of municipal and county police chief's of police as proscribed in the Municipal and County Police Departments' Nomenclature Act of 1996 to limit the use of these names and symbols by private organizations.

Adopted this 30 day of June, 2004



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