



RESOLUTION PAROLE OFFICER ARREST POWERS

WHEREAS, mutual assistance between law enforcement entities is a major component of homeland security within the State of Georgia and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Pardon and Paroles has approximately four hundred (400) sworn officers that are dispersed throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, officers of the State Board of Pardon and Paroles have met the requirements of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST) to become certified law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, officers of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles could be of great assistance to local authorities during an extraordinary event such as an act of terrorism, a major criminal investigation, a natural disaster, or issues of homeland security; and

WHEREAS, while parole officers are certified peace officers in the State of Georgia, their powers of arrest concerning persons who are not on parole, is questionable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police supports legislation (attached) that grants full arrest powers to parole officers, when such assistance is requested from another governmental law enforcement entity, during an extraordinary event.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2005

Louis M. Dekmar, President

