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RESOLUTION

ON THE

ILLUMINATION OF AIRCRAFT BY INTENSE LIGHT

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association as stated in its articles of incorporation, is to promote, develop, prepare, disseminate and evaluate information with respect to the safe utilization of aircraft as a tool of law enforcement and airborne law enforcement techniques, equipment, and philosophy as an educational service for members of the organization and the public; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that aircraft play an integral role in achieving the mission of law enforcement agencies throughout the world, specifically that of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the use of aircraft in support of law enforcement missions comes with inherent dangers for which significant resources are allocated to mitigate such dangers; and

WHEREAS, there have been many documented instances of persons on the ground intentionally directing light at law enforcement aircraft where the light has an intensity sufficient to impair the operator's ability to control the aircraft and where the perpetrators' purpose is to do so; and

WHEREAS, such activity results in extraordinary dangers for which no mitigating techniques exist, significantly increasing the potential for catastrophic results to include serious injury and/or death of both law enforcement personnel and members of the general public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Airborne Law Enforcement Association supports the imposition of criminal sanctions upon those who engage in the practice of illuminating aircraft with a light source sufficient to impair an aircraft operator's ability to control said aircraft and whose purpose is to do so.

Adopted by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association Board of Directors on March 1, 2007.