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WSSA RESOLUTION #2016-02 EQUITABLE REGULATIONS ON PUBLIC LANDS

Whereas: Western States Sheriffs' Association represents the Sheriffs of its member States and,

Whereas: Many of the member States hold large portions of public lands managed by Federal agencies to include, but not limited to, the United States Forest Service and the United States Bureau of Land Management and,

Whereas: In order to preserve and protect public lands, the Federal agencies are empowered to regulate the use of such lands through statute and/or rule and,

Whereas: Sheriffs are responsible for the safety and well-being of the citizens utilizing public lands through their ability to provide an appropriate level of necessary services and,

Whereas: The fourteenth amendment of the United States Constitution provides for equal protection under the law of all persons and,

Whereas: Sheriffs are extremely concerned that some groups, such as the Rainbow Family and others, using public lands are allowed to do so in violation of regulations and laws, all without consequences for such violations and,

Whereas: Some groups in violation of regulations and laws have been responsible for damage to natural resources and the amenities on public lands, diverting tax payer dollars from original purposes in order to make repairs and remediation.

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Western States Sheriffs' Association members call on all public land management agencies to enforce regulations and laws with equity for all users and when justified to seek legal consequences for violations and civil consequences for repairs and remediation necessary due to the violations.

Hereby resolved this 2nd day of March, 2016 at the annual conference of the Western States Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Dave Brown, President
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