RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE USE OF FORCE

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) of the County of Los Angeles, California, hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commission has been established to provide civilian oversight of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), including the responsibility to assure that the U.S. Constitution and the policies of the LASD prohibiting the use of excessive and unnecessary force are complied with by Deputy Sheriffs operating in Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump made statements at a gathering of law enforcement professionals appearing to encourage and condone out of policy and inappropriate use of force against suspects. Specifically, President Trump stated to the officers, "don't be too nice" toward suspects during arrests.

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that all persons who encounter law enforcement should be treated in a manner consistent with the U.S. Constitution and existing use of force policies, such as those of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, that forbid the use of excessive or unnecessary force.

WHEREAS, the Commission further believes that all law enforcement agencies should be committed to professional policing and that there is no place for the unconstitutional, inappropriate and out of policy use of force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission condemns the statements of President Trump as they are inconsistent with the use of force policy of the LASD and virtually every other law enforcement agency of our nation and do not represent the actions or sentiment of the vast majority of law enforcement professionals.

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, does hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the Resolution duty adopted by the Commission at its meeting held on ______, and as same appears of record in the official Statement of Proceedings of said Commission.

Dated

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director