

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1016

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Bradford, Burg, Davis, Elliott, Glenski, Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Hundstad, Klaudt, Kloucek, Kooistra, Lange, McCoy, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), Sigdestad, Valandra, and Van Gerpen and Senators Volesky, Bogue, Brown (Arnold), de Hueck, Hagen, Koetzle, Olson (Ed), Putnam, and Staggers

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging local law enforcement agencies to adopt
2 community policing practices.

3 WHEREAS, traditional policing concepts in some communities of the state have tended to
4 isolate law enforcement officers from the communities they serve; and

5 WHEREAS, this isolation has led to distrust of law enforcement officers by many citizens
6 of those communities and in some situations has led to allegations of racial profiling; and

7 WHEREAS, to counter this climate of distrust, many local law enforcement agencies across
8 the country have adopted community policing practices to bring local law enforcement officers
9 closer to the citizens of the community; and

10 WHEREAS, under these community policing practices, neighborhood meetings between law
11 enforcement officers and community citizens to discuss law enforcement practices, complaints,
12 and concerns, have lead to increased communication and trust between law enforcement officers
13 and community citizens; and



1 WHEREAS, community policing recognizes the value of bringing community citizens back
2 into the policing process:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
4 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that those
5 counties and municipalities that have adopted community policing practices be applauded for
6 their efforts and that other counties and municipalities of the state be hereby encouraged to adopt
7 community policing practices.