RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION

MARKING OF METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS

WHEREAS, the Airborne Law Enforcement Association is a non-profit public benefit corporation of the State of California whose primary purpose 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, including low flying aircraft, play an integral role in achieving the mission of law enforcement and public safety throughout the our nation; and,

WHEREAS, current federal regulations generally require that any temporary or permanent structure, including all appurtenances, that exceeds an overall height of 200 feet (61m) above ground level (AGL), or exceeds any obstruction standard contained in 14 CFR Part 77, should be marked and/or lighted; and

WHEREAS, many Meteorological Towers are of a height that does not exceed 200 feet AGL and are, therefore, not subject to current regulations, but nevertheless pose a significant flight hazard to aircraft required to fly below 200 feet in support of their specified mission; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Airborne Law Enforcement Association supports California legislation requiring the marking of meteorological towers below 200 feet in height and above 50 feet in height in a manner described in Assembly Bill 511 that will produce an acceptable level of safety to air navigation; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Transportation Committee of the California Senate; the Helicopter Association International, the California Fire Chief’s Association, the National Sheriff’s Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, California Department of Transportation/Aeronautical Division, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published on the ALEA website.

Approved and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, Inc. while assembled in New Orleans Louisiana this 20th day of July, 2011.

ATTEST

Gregg Weitzman, Secretary

Martin Jackson, President