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RESOLUTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (SMS)

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, the International Helicopter Safety Team (IHST) was formed to lead efforts toward reducing the helicopter accident rate by at least 80 percent by the year 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the IHST formed the Joint Helicopter Safety Analysis Team (JHSAT) to analyze helicopter accident history and provide recommendations to reduce the accident rate and the Joint Helicopter Safety Implementation Team (JHSIT) to develop cost effective strategies and action plans to reduce helicopter accidents; and,

WHEREAS, the IHST is a broad, inclusive, international representation of the helicopter industry; and,

WHEREAS, the JHSAT has analyzed reported helicopter accidents as recorded in the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB's) USA Database and found that a major contributing factor in most accidents was the failure to adequately manage known risks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Airborne Law Enforcement Association joins the other members of the IHST in support of the development of Safety Management Systems which can be defined as coordinated, comprehensive sets of processes designed to direct and control resources to optimally manage safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Airborne Law Enforcement Association supports and adopts the [SMS Toolkit](#) developed and recommended by the JHSIT. The Toolkit is a compilation of best practices and solutions from small, medium, and large helicopter operators as well as airlines, industry groups, and governments. The Toolkit is intended to assist organizations in achieving their desired safety performance objectives while allowing them to choose the best way to reach that outcome.

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