

A RESOLUTION relating to the United States Internet Crime Task Force, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, the United States Internet Crime Task Force, Incorporated (USICT, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit/nongovernment Victim Advocate Agency formed and created in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the USICT, Inc. is a consortium of law enforcement officers united in fighting crime on the Internet, addressing issues such as fraud, identity theft, education and awareness, training and support, and the prevention of the exploitation of children; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1990 U.S. Department of Justice's National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrown-away Children, the yearly estimated types of missing children are as follows: 438,200 are lost, injured, or otherwise missing, 450,700 are runaways, 354,100 are family abductions, 114,600 are attempted nonfamily abductions, 127,100 are thrown away, and 3,200 to 4,600 are nonfamily abductions; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), there were 840,279 missing entries, both adults and juveniles, in the year 2001, 85% to 90% of whom were juveniles, which leads to the conclusion that 725,000 cases, an average of 2,000 cases per day involving the disappearance of a child were serious enough that a parent called law enforcement and the agency took a report; and

WHEREAS, according to the NCIC, a child who is abducted is rarely murdered, estimating that 100 such incidents occur annually in the United States, and 74% of abducted children who are murdered are dead within three hours of abduction; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Youth Internet Safety Survey, one in five children between the ages of 10 and 17 years old receive unwanted sexual solicitations on-line, and of those children who reported on-line solicitations to

their parents, approximately one-half of the parents in those reported cases did not know to whom to report the incident; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, open forums, lectures, and other media, the USICT, Inc. has educated and provided information to thousands of parents throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning, the USICT, Inc. has assisted law enforcement agencies around the Commonwealth of Kentucky with research and advice, and having this service available to local law enforcement agencies enhances their ability to solve technology crimes; and

WHEREAS, having an organization such as the USICT, Inc. strategically partnered with law enforcement to provide services such as Internet protocol traces and other forensic research allows overburdened agencies to direct their attention to crimes that are more exigent; and

WHEREAS, most agencies do not possess the knowledge to perform the research necessary to begin an Internet investigation, from the initial call to the follow up investigation, evidence collection, processing and case preparation, and the USICT, Inc. is able to provide such essential guidance for these agencies to function and bring more cases to closure; and

WHEREAS, the average Internet criminal believes that he or she cannot be caught, and by providing officers and agencies with immediate research services offered by the USICT, Inc., investigators can bring these criminals to justice, in most cases within days of the original complaint; and

WHEREAS, the USICT, Inc. has implemented an Intelligence unit and, with the cooperation of MSN, has successfully had over 20,000 child pornographic, incest, and bestiality related chat rooms closed on MSN; and

WHEREAS, the USICT, Inc. continues to watch the Internet, take crime referrals, and research complaints that are received and

WHEREAS, with a looming entity such as the USICT, Inc. on the Internet, criminals will think twice if they know that law enforcement agencies across the United States are communicating with each other;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

Section 1. This honorable body does hereby honor the United States Internet Crime Task Force, Inc. and its founder, David J. Evangelista.

Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. David J. Evangelista, The United States Internet Crime Task Force, Inc., Post Office Box 875, Radcliff, Kentucky 40159-0875.