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**WHEREAS**, the members of the Major City Chiefs Association are committed to identifying ways to deter crime and protect the public;

**WHEREAS**, nationwide there has been a sharp increase in the number of thefts and robberies of mobile communication devices, including cell phones, smart phones, and computer tablets, often through violent attacks

**WHEREAS**, the technology exists, where communication companies with the consent of the owner, can remotely activate tracking devices on stolen electronic devices, to assist in the criminal investigation and recovery of these stolen devices

**WHEREAS**, the technology exists, and has been implemented in the United Kingdom to disable handsets remotely, which reduces the potential profit through black market sales of these devices.

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of a tracking database and deactivation network would greatly assist police departments within the United States in reducing thefts of small electronic and mobile communication devices. Furthermore, if the database is made widely available, it would likely reduce the number of stolen electronics resold in pawnshops and on websites aimed at selling used products, thereby deterring the commission of these crimes.

Now, therefore, the members of the Major Cities Chiefs Association do resolve as follows:

1. To call upon the Federal Communications Commission to require communication companies to implement technology to activate tracking devices and disable stolen mobile communication devices to deter the commission of these thefts.
2. To support objective and impartial research to determine the impact of the theft of mobile communication devices and the resulting market for stolen devices.
3. To work through its various member agencies to educate the general public on protective steps to follow to prevent them being



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a victim while operating mobile communication devices and to provide the public with information about technology resources that will deter criminals from profiting from the theft of small electronics and mobile communication devices.

The Major Cities Chiefs Association strongly endorses the above-listed strategies and pledge to support them whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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