



WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04  
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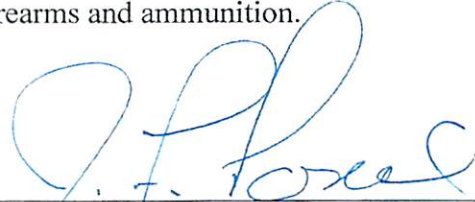
- WHEREAS;** The Western State Sheriffs' Association was formed "to improve and provide effective service and protection to all citizens" of its constituent states; and
- WHEREAS;** The Office of Sheriff carries with it special responsibility for promoting not just public safety but the rule of law and fidelity to the United States Constitution and the Constitution and laws of the states represented by the Western State Sheriffs' Association; and
- WHEREAS;** The Western State Sheriffs' Association believes that exercise of the right to keep and bear arms by responsible, law-abiding persons is consistent with, and protective of, public safety; and
- WHEREAS;** M855/SS109 cartridges provide a reliable and affordable source of ammunition for many weapons used by law enforcement and the law abiding public; and
- WHEREAS;** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in February 2015 proposed a "Framework" reinterpreting federal law to ban the manufacture, importation, and distribution of M855/SS109 ammunition and the potential to ban other common rifle bullets; and
- WHEREAS;** A ban on M855/SS109 ammunition would constrict supplies and raise the price of 5.56 x 45 mm ammunition generally, hindering the ability of law enforcement officers to train with duty and personal firearms chambered in this caliber;
- THEREFORE:** The Western State Sheriffs' Association hereby resolves the following:
- The Western States Sheriffs' Association opposes ATF's February 2015 "Framework" and any interpretation of federal law that would ban common rifle ammunition primarily used by responsible, law enforcement and law-abiding persons for sporting and other legitimate purposes;
  - That ATF should interpret federal statutes and regulations in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, and the intent of the law as dictated by Congress;

- That ATF should consider the effects its interpretations of federal law and consult with law enforcement agencies regarding access to ammunition and training by law enforcement officers in considering how such interpretations impact officer safety;
- That a copy of this resolution be delivered to ATF Director B. Todd Jones to help guide further consideration of ATF's February 2015 "Framework" and any other attempts at interpreting relevant federal laws related to firearms and ammunition.



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Sheriff Dave Brown, President  
Western States Sheriffs' Association



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