

**Resolution to Accept, Acknowledge, Support, and Use  
a Formal Definition of Community Policing in the State of Georgia**

*Submitted by President Janet Moon, the Executive Board and State-Wide Membership of the  
Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.*

**WHEREAS**, The philosophy of community policing engages partnerships between police agencies, elected officials, and citizens to develop comprehensive approaches to address factors contributing to criminal behavior as well as fear of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Robbie Friedmann is a Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice and the Founding Director of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program (GILEE); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Friedmann authored the first comprehensive definition of community policing as:

A comprehensive philosophy that guides policy and strategy aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, reduced fear of crime, improved quality of life, and improved police services and police legitimacy through a proactive reliance on community resources that seeks to change crime causing conditions. This assumes a need for greater accountability of police, elected community leaders, and the community in general, along with the greater public share in decision-making through the identification of service needs and priorities and a greater concern for civil rights and liberties; and

**WHEREAS**, This definition of community policing was officially adopted (with minor editing) by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police fully endorses the philosophy and this definition of community policing;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, upon the request of President Janet Moon, the Executive Board, and the State-Wide Membership of the Association, formally accepts, acknowledges, supports, and uses the definition of Community Policing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police encourages all law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia to formally accept and use the definition of Community Policing in the direction of their department operations.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021

  
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Janet Moon, President  
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