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2 ***City of Reno, Nevada***  
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7 **National League of Cities**  
8 **Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee**

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10 **RESOLUTION on Electronic Control Devices**  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities' mission is to strengthen and promote cities  
14 as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the ability of law enforcement to safely and effectively deescalate violence,  
16 protect citizens and reduce injuries to criminal subjects is crucial to overall public safety  
17 and supports the mission of the National League of Cities; and

18 **WHEREAS**, electronic control devices have proven to be a safe and effective tools for  
19 law enforcement to deescalate violence, protect citizens and reduce injuries to criminal  
20 subjects; and

21 **WHEREAS**, statistical data has shown decreases in officer and subject injuries in cities  
22 where electronic control devices are deployed; and

23 **WHEREAS**, overall law enforcement related shootings have declined in cities where  
24 electronic control devices are deployed; and

25 **WHEREAS**, statistical data has shown dramatic decreases in law enforcement workers  
26 compensation expenses in cities where electronic control devices are deployed; and

27 **WHEREAS**, proper training and appropriate use of electronic control devices is crucial to  
28 maintain their efficacy and safety; and

29 **WHEREAS**, municipal governments and local law enforcement agencies should  
30 promote safety and advance technologies and policies that encourage community  
31 safety; and

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the National League of Cities calls on the  
33 United States Congress to provide adequate funding resources to assist local law  
34 enforcement agencies with the deployment of state-of-the-art non-lethal technologies  
35 such as electronic control devices in an effort to promote public safety; and  
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Unites States Congress provide adequate  
38 funding resources to assist local law enforcement agencies with the development and  
39 promulgation of policies governing appropriate training, use, and placement of electronic  
40 control devices in the local use of force continuum.