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## **SCR 1036**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE ARIZONA  
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, the Arizona Constitution establishes the Attorney General  
2 as the chief legal officer of Arizona, entrusted with the responsibility  
3 to accurately interpret, uphold and explain the laws of this state; and

4           Whereas, public statements made by the Arizona Attorney General on  
5 matters of criminal law, self-defense and the use of force carry  
6 exceptional authority and are reasonably relied on by the public, law  
7 enforcement officers and other governmental entities; and

8           Whereas, the lawful use of force against peace officers is among the  
9 most serious and narrowly defined areas of Arizona law, governed by  
10 specific statutory standards, controlling judicial precedent and  
11 longstanding principles requiring submission to lawful authority and  
12 resolution to disputes through the courts; and

13           Whereas, the Arizona Attorney General has publicly provided legal  
14 commentary or advice concerning the circumstances under which members of  
15 the public may use deadly force against federal, state and local law  
16 enforcement officers; and

17           Whereas, such statements were materially incomplete, inaccurate or  
18 insufficiently qualified and failed to adequately convey the narrow and  
19 exceptional nature of any lawful justification for the use of force  
20 against law enforcement officers; and

21           Whereas inaccurate or imprecise public guidance on this subject  
22 creates a foreseeable risk of confusion, escalation of encounters, harm to  
23 civilians, harm or even death to law enforcement officers and erosion of  
24 public confidence in the rule of law; and

25           Whereas, the Legislature has a constitutional and institutional  
26 interest in affirming the importance of accurate legal guidance, public  
27 safety and respect for lawful authority, while preserving the rights of  
28 individuals to seek judicial remedies for alleged misconduct by law  
29 enforcement officers; and

30           Whereas, the failure of the Arizona Attorney General to promptly  
31 clarify or correct public legal statements that risk endangering the  
32 public and all law enforcement officers or misrepresenting Arizona law  
33 further exacerbates the potential harm caused by such statements.

34 Therefore

35 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
36 Representatives concurring:

37           1. That the Members of the Legislature formally express their  
38 disapproval of the Arizona Attorney General's public statements regarding  
39 the use of force against law enforcement officers, to the extent that  
40 those statements are inaccurate, incomplete or misleading under Arizona  
41 law.

42           2. That the Members of the Legislature affirm that Arizona law  
43 strongly favors submission to lawful authority and resolution of disputes  
44 through judicial processes and that the lawful use of force against law

1 enforcement officers is allowed only in the most limited and exceptional  
2 circumstances defined by statute and case law.

3 3. That the Members of the Legislature call on the Arizona Attorney  
4 General to retract her dangerous rhetoric concerning the use of deadly  
5 force against federal, state and local law enforcement officers.

6 4. That the Members of the Legislature call on the Arizona Attorney  
7 General to issue a public statement expressing support for all federal,  
8 state and local law enforcement officers, including law enforcement  
9 officers serving in the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

10 5. That the Members of the Legislature calls on the Arizona  
11 Attorney General to exercise greater care, precision and restraint when  
12 publicly addressing matters involving criminal law, self-defense and  
13 interactions with law enforcement officers.

14 6. That the Members of the Legislature call on the Arizona Attorney  
15 General to issue clarifying corrective guidance that accurately reflects  
16 Arizona law and minimizes the risk of public misunderstanding or harm.

17 7. That the Members of the Legislature call on the Arizona Attorney  
18 General to resign from her position because she has lost the trust of  
19 Arizona law enforcement officers and her continuance as Attorney General  
20 will offer support to those using her misstatements as a defense when  
21 charged with using deadly force against law enforcement officers.

22 8. That the Members of the Legislature declare that this resolution  
23 is intended to protect the public and law enforcement safety, uphold rule  
24 of law and preserve public confidence in the Office of Attorney General  
25 and in Arizona's justice system.