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## **SENATE RESOLUTION 1036**

A 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, multiple statewide law enforcement organizations  
26 representing law enforcement officers and leaders have called the Arizona  
27 Attorney General's statements harmful and dangerous to law enforcement;  
28 and

29           Whereas, the Arizona Attorney General is using state resources to  
30 selectively solicit complaints to target United States Immigration and  
31 Customs Enforcement officers; and

32           Whereas, the Senate has a constitutional and institutional interest  
33 in affirming the importance of accurate legal guidance, public safety and  
34 respect for lawful authority, while preserving the rights of individuals  
35 to seek judicial remedies for alleged misconduct by law enforcement  
36 officers; and

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

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

3       1. That the Members of the Senate formally express their  
4 disapproval of the Arizona Attorney General's public statements regarding  
5 the use of force against law enforcement officers, to the extent that  
6 those statements are inaccurate, incomplete or misleading under Arizona  
7 law.

8       2. That the Members of the Senate affirm that Arizona law strongly  
9 favors submission to lawful authority and resolution of disputes through  
10 judicial processes and that the lawful use of force against law  
11 enforcement officers is allowed only in the most limited and exceptional  
12 circumstances defined by statute and case law.

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

16       4. That the Members of the Senate call on the Arizona Attorney  
17 General to issue a public statement expressing support for all federal,  
18 state and local law enforcement officers, including law enforcement  
19 officers serving in the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

20       5. That the Members of the Senate call on the Arizona Attorney  
21 General to exercise greater care, precision and restraint when publicly  
22 addressing matters involving criminal law, self-defense and interactions  
23 with law enforcement officers.

24       6. That the Members of the Senate call on the Arizona Attorney  
25 General to issue clarifying corrective guidance that accurately reflects  
26 Arizona law and minimizes the risk of public misunderstanding or harm.

27       7. That the Members of the Senate call on the Arizona Attorney  
28 General to resign from her position because she has lost the trust of  
29 Arizona law enforcement officers and her continuance as Attorney General  
30 will offer support to those using her misstatements as a defense when  
31 charged with using deadly force against law enforcement officers.

32       8. That the Members of the Senate declare that this resolution is  
33 intended to protect the public and law enforcement safety, uphold rule of  
34 law and preserve public confidence in the Office of Attorney General and  
35 in Arizona's justice system.