

SEARCH Resolution 04-41

Of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

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Support of Privacy Protections for Criminal Justice Information Sharing Programs

WHEREAS, national criminal justice data linkage and information sharing programs, such as the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEx), can make important contributions to public safety and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, in order to be effective, appropriate and publicly acceptable, these information sharing programs should incorporate comprehensive privacy standards and best practices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that:

“Information sharing programs should incorporate privacy policy at the beginning stages of system design; specifically but not limited to

- The definition, mission, and statement of purpose must be clearly defined
- Privacy interests and threats must be identified
- Privacy policy and system design must be vetted through traditional and nontraditional stakeholders
- Detailed and appropriate privacy standards and practices should be in place at the earliest practicable time prior to the initial deployment of these systems.”