

ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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Fellow Illinois Residents,

The Sheriffs of Illinois ask with one unified voice that all citizens, regardless of their perspectives and opinions, work to share and listen to the perspectives of others without the use of violence. We ask that you stand with us in this effort.

In these times of ever- growing polarization and acrimony, there are few issues that do not bring controversy and wildly differing opinions. As we begin the final stretch of elections in 2024, it is a good time to be reminded about violence that has already transpired. We have already witnessed an assassination attempt of one candidate, which took the life of one individual and critically injured another. We implore people to not utilize violence or the threat of violence to impact or undercut our political, constitutional processes and advance a wide variety of agendas.

The United States and its democratic system have thrived because of the respect we show each other even when we disagree, the tolerance we have for different ideas and the understanding that we are stronger united and weaker divided. It is with this in mind that we are asking you to stand with us against violence in whatever form and to stand with us in support of our open, democratic systems of representative government at the local, state, and federal levels.

We know that our citizens and communities do not support violence as a way of "resolving" conflict because it does not resolve anything, instead, it is perpetuated and replicated. As Chief Law Enforcement Officers of our counties, we believe that no matter what your personal political leanings and beliefs are, violence is never tolerable and can never be accepted.

Sincerely,
Illinois Sheriffs