



preventing crime; and

Whereas, As a result of certain program requirements, however, the NYPD is in jeopardy of losing COPS funding for Fiscal 2003 and Fiscal 2004, and thus the City has applied to the Department of Justice for a waiver in order to ensure that this crime-fighting money continues to be received by the City for these two fiscal years; and

Whereas, In light of the additional resources the City must expend to combat terrorism, while continuing to increase police presence in communities and control crime, the United States Congress and Department of Justice should amend the COPS program so that the federal government continues to pay for a portion of the salaries of the 4,000 officers hired under the program, thus mitigating New York City's financial burden; and

Whereas, The denial of the City's application for a waiver as well as the failure to enact these amendments to the law would hinder New York City's crime-fighting efforts, thus having national implications; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York urges the Department of Justice to approve the City's application for a waiver to continue to use funds for officer salaries for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004 under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, and urges both the United States Congress and the Department of Justice to amend program requirements to enable federal funds to continue to assist the New York City Police Department in its crime-fighting efforts.