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Resolution

Copper Theft

Delta Council urges local, State, and federal law enforcement officials to pursue and prosecute the theft of copper to the fullest extent of the law.

Further, we urge that appropriate law enforcement officials and the judiciary ***in Mississippi commensurate with their counterparts*** from ~~the~~ ***sister*** States in the Mid-South ***to*** re-evaluate the laws which apply to copper theft and seek the maximum penalties allowed under the law as a deterrent for these crimes.

Delta Council urges the Mississippi Legislature to take the necessary steps to provide disincentives to prevent the purchase of wire that has lost its identity due to burning.

Delta Council offers praise for Attorney General Jim Hood, Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, and former Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith for leading an effort to organize appropriate enforcement and judicial officials from the State, local and Federal level to execute more effective methods for responding to this illegal interstate trade of stolen property.

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