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CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP WILL BE MONITORING POLICE HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Attorneys stand ready to intervene and initiate legal challenges

Albuquerque, NM | **October 25, 2018**—The National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL) denounces what it believes are unconstitutional laws and blanket restrictions imposed by some state statutory schemes and supervising authorities across the country each Halloween. NARSOL questions why every year at this time newspapers and TV news programs are full of reports about police activities to curb this so-called menace that supposedly sprouts up around Halloween when there is no evidence to support the myth.

NARSOL's Executive Director, Brenda Jones points to the research showing that there is no increased threat of sexual harm to children on Halloween and to the fact that no report has been found of a child being harmed on Halloween by someone on the registry. "NARSOL deplores the hysteria created by sensational reporting of what is no more than grandstanding and a total waste of public resources expended year after year."

Jones also announced that NARSOL has assembled a team of volunteer attorneys and plans to hold its second annual Halloween Marathon. The call-in program will last for five continuous hours with the primary purpose of receiving reports and monitoring law enforcement's actions nationwide. "We want it to be clear to everyone that we are putting law enforcement and policymakers on notice that we are: (1) monitoring them; (2) winning legal challenges all over the country; and (3) have sufficient momentum to continue chipping away at their unconstitutional creations."

"The most unconscionable aspect of this," she continued, "is that children are at an increased risk on Halloween of being killed or injured in an auto-pedestrian accident, and yet law enforcement chooses to assign its officers to checking that registered sex offenders are not handing out candy rather than putting them on traffic patrol and intoxicated-driver checkpoints in high trick-or-treat areas."

Jones concluded her remarks by praising the recent journalistic efforts to frame this issue around facts <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>.

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NARSOL advocates for laws based on facts and evidence and for policies that support the successful rehabilitation, restoration, and reintegration of law abiding, former sex offenders into society as the path to a safer society.

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