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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION AND THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE SUPPORT
NATIONAL MOVE OVER INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police are concerned with the safety of law enforcement officers, firefighters, utility workers, and other emergency personnel as they perform their duties on our nation's roadways, and;

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, 1,715 law enforcement officers — 17 percent — in the United States between 1987 and 2011 were victims of struck-by-vehicle incidents, i.e., at the time of their deaths they were conducting traffic stops or roadblocks, were directing traffic or assisting motorists, or were engaged in similar activities, and;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association was a founding member of the "Move Over America" initiative of 2007, working to save first responder lives, initiate or change state laws, and raise awareness of Move Over responsibilities of the motoring public, and;

WHEREAS, in an effort to safeguard law enforcement officers, firefighters, utility workers, and other emergency personnel whose duties require them to utilize the roadside, all 50 states have enacted Move Over legislation that typically requires motorists to either change lanes or slow down when approaching a law enforcement or emergency services vehicle that is parked or stopped on the roadside, and;

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of this legislation in every state is compromised by motorists' being unaware of the existence of these statutes, as was demonstrated by a national poll sponsored by the National Safety Commission in 2007 that found 71 percent of United States residents had not heard of such legislation, and;

WHEREAS, the Move Over Campaign reached more than 29 million Twitter streams, and initiated similar posts and videos on other social media sites including Facebook and YouTube from May 13 to May 20, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police support the increased enforcement of Move Over legislation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police support international efforts to ensure the roadside safety of law enforcement officers, firefighters, utility workers, and other emergency personnel in countries around the world.