



RESOLUTION

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TITLE: CORE INJURY PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, injuries are the third leading cause of death in the United States behind heart disease and cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 150,000 injury-related deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death among persons 1 - 44 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with injuries in this country are approximately \$158 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, state and local health departments are ultimately responsible for a frontline defense of the public's health; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of population-based prevention programs have been institutionalized in an existing public health structure and resources; and

WHEREAS, other agencies participate in injury control efforts across the country, none have the same capacity to comprehensively affect issues related to decreasing injury morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS, the following eight functions should be considered core functions of a state injury control program: 1) statewide and local injury data collections; 2) statewide coordination, leadership, and administration; 3) program development and implementation; 4) policy development; 5) evaluation; 6) professional training and education; 7) public information and educational programs; and 8) investigation of injury clusters or events; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control* has recommended funding of at least \$80 million to be distributed to U.S. state and territorial health departments to implement a

comprehensive state injury prevention program in every state and territory for the purpose of participating in a nationwide injury prevention program; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, Safe States Alliance concurs and supports the CDC Advisory Committee's recommendation regarding funding for state and territorial health departments for the purpose of participating in a nationwide injury prevention program.

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* "Resources Needed to Develop CDC's Injury Control Program: Report of the Special Working Group to Examine Resources Needed to Develop CDC's Injury Control Program Over the Next Decade," Science and Program Review Work Group, Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control, Department of Health and Human Services, PHS, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1995.

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