



## RESOLUTION

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**TITLE: INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, injury, the number one killer of persons aged 1-44, is a problem of epidemic proportions affecting all population groups and costs the nation more than \$224 billion each year, requires a major public health response; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe States Alliance is a national, non-profit, member-run organization for professionals engaged in injury prevention and control research and the development, implementation, and evaluation of intervention programs and policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the purposes of Safe States, as set forth in its organizational by-laws, are: a) To sustain, enhance and promote both the public's health and the abilities of states and territories to identify, measure, describe, and recommend actions pertinent to the prevention and control of injuries; b) To promote, conduct and interpret research on injuries and injury prevention; c) To support the interpretation of technical information and to transfer research findings into prevention actions; d) To promote the exchange of ideas, policies and information between members and counterparts in various federal, state and local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, there are available proven, cost-effective injury prevention approaches, which state and territorial public health agencies are in the best position to implement through comprehensive programs, but are limited in their ability to do so due to inadequate resources; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of federal agencies have as their mission, or part of their mission, the prevention and control of injuries including but not limited to, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health); Department of Transportation (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration); Health Resources and Services Administration (Maternal and Child Health Bureau); Consumer Product Safety Commission; Indian Health Service; National Institutes of Health; Department of Education; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of Veterans Affairs; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Department of Justice; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that by majority vote, the Safe States voting representatives appointed by their respective health commissioners from each state and territory, request that the above federal agencies and their affiliates:

- a) Work with Safe States in a coordinated fashion to increase funding to establish, develop, and maintain comprehensive injury control programs in local, state and territorial health departments;
- b) Help establish and support a Safe States executive office with full time staff to better advocate for injury prevention and accomplish national objectives for SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE STATES, and SAFE AMERICA;
- c) Work with Safe States to facilitate special meetings among its members, federal agencies, and others having direct injury prevention responsibilities, for the purpose of planning and implementing collaborative and cooperative injury prevention initiatives;
- d) Work with Safe States to conduct regularly scheduled, national training programs for the purpose of establishing standardized injury prevention skill building at various levels and among various groups;
- e) Appoint Safe States representatives with full voting privileges to special panels and committees for the purpose of contributing to planning and policy-making;
- f) Work with Safe States and others to plan and develop a national injury surveillance system; and
- g) Work with Safe States to establish and support technical assistance teams consisting of experienced injury experts from federal, state, and local health agencies, and other disciplines, to develop injury prevention initiatives in those localities, states, regions and territories most in need.

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