



## RESOLUTION

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**TITLE: ELIMINATION OF THE TERM MOTOR VEHICLE "ACCIDENT"**

**WHEREAS**, unintentional injury is a major source of trauma in the United States and motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of unintentional injury; and

**WHEREAS**, in educating the American public about the need for motor vehicle injury prevention initiatives, it is essential that motorists recognize that motor vehicle injury is preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has announced that it will strive to educate the public of the need to replace the term "accident" with the more accurate term "crash"; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Safe States Alliance will support NHTSA's efforts to educate the American public that motor vehicle injury is preventable and about the need for appropriate terminology when referring to motor vehicle crashes; and be

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Safe States will strive to eliminate the term "accident" and utilize the term "crash" in the organization's communications and publications.

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