

Support for the National Move Over Initiative

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WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police are concerned with the safety of police officers, firefighters, other emergency workers, tow truck operators, and roadway service workers as they perform their duties on roadways; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, every year police officers are killed or seriously injured in struck by vehicle incidents, i.e., at the time of their deaths they were conducting traffic stops, roadblocks, directing traffic, assisting motorists, or were engaged in similar activities; and

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

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the International Association of Chiefs of Police support education and enforcement of Move Over legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Chiefs of Police support international efforts to ensure the roadside safety of police officers, firefighters, other emergency workers, tow truck operators, and roadway service workers in countries around the world.