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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS
CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE DRUNK DRIVING**

WHEREAS, public safety is the highest priority of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the law enforcement agencies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving results in nearly 17,000 people killed in the U.S. annually, and nearly 13,000 people are killed each year with an illegal alcohol level of .08 BAC or above; and

WHEREAS, many of the police officers, deputies, and state troopers killed every year in the United States are struck down in traffic collisions by said impaired drivers and we are seeing increases in this illegal and preventable behavior; and

WHEREAS, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD, USA) continues its outreach to the National Sheriffs' Association in the furtherance of highway safety issues; and

WHEREAS, releasing the new, "Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving," MADD advocates the following in this campaign:

- Full Support for high-visibility law enforcement
- Maximum implementation of alcohol ignition interlock technologies
- Advanced technology research initiative
- Mobilization of grassroots efforts

WHEREAS, members and affiliates of Mothers Against Drunk Driving play a continuing role in highway safety issues in the United States, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association encourages its members to fully support the "Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving" and Mothers Against Drunk Driving for its pioneering efforts, and urges the National Sheriffs' Association to collectively as an association, and individually through department officials, sign MADD's Pledge to Eliminate Drunk Driving.