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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration (NHTSA) in 2006, 4,810 motorcycle riders were killed in the United States, which is a 5 percent increase over 2005, and a 122 percent increase over 1996;

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, 27 percent of motorcycle operator fatalities in the United States had BAC levels of 0.08 or higher;

**WHEREAS**, nearly one out of four motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes in 2006 was operating a motorcycle without the required [insurance] endorsement at the time of the collision;

**WHEREAS**, wearing a DOT-compliant motorcycle helmet has been shown to be 37 percent effective in preventing fatal head injuries to motorcyclists;

**WHEREAS**, enforcement is an essential component to a comprehensive motorcycle safety program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) supports an increased effort to reduce the number of motorcycle fatalities and injuries by implementing and enforcing the appropriate motorcycle-related laws associated with impaired riding, with licensing, and with using personal protective equipment;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NSA supports the enactment and enforcement of all-rider motorcycle helmet legislation in each State as an effective measure to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries of motorcyclists;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NSA supports the use of The Detection of DWI Motorcyclists, How to Identify Unsafe Motorcycle Helmets, and the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety as resource tools in the effort to eliminate impaired and unsafe riding.

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