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DESIGNATING THE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AS THE STATE AGENCY TO COORDINATE AND APPROVE
STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Traffic Safety Committee was established under State Executive Law on April 27, 1967, to provide management and coordination of all highway safety programs in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Traffic Safety Committee was instrumental in implementing New York's first in the nation mandatory seat belt and 21 purchase age laws which have saved hundreds of lives each year on our highways; and

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Traffic Safety Committee has improved highway safety and reduced traffic fatalities and injuries by sponsoring and promoting innovative pedestrian and motorcycle safety, driving while intoxicated and speed limit enforcement programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARIO M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New York, do hereby reestablish an Interdepartmental Committee, to be hereinafter known as the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, to consist of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, as Chairperson, and the Commissioners of Education, Health, Criminal Justice Services and Transportation, the Secretary of State, the Superintendents of State Police and Insurance, the Directors of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, Substance Abuse and Probation and the Chairpersons of the State Liquor Authority and New York State Thruway Authority. The Chairperson of the Committee shall appoint annually a Vice-Chairperson, who shall perform the duties of Chair in the Chairperson's absence, or at such other time or times as the Chairperson may direct.

## I. General Powers.

The Committee shall coordinate the highway safety activities of State and local agencies, other public and private agencies and interested individuals and organizations. The Committee is hereby designated, pursuant to Article 16-A of the Executive Law, to act in my behalf in carrying out the provisions of that Article and, for this purpose, shall be vested with, and authorized to exercise and perform all of the functions, powers and duties prescribed in that Article.

## II. Personnel.

The Committee shall appoint an Executive Director and shall assign to such Director such powers, functions and duties as it shall deem appropriate. The Committee may employ such additional personnel as it may deem necessary or desirable to fulfill the purposes of this Order and of Article 16-A of the Executive Law.



G I V E N under my hand and the Privy

Seal of the State in the City of

Albany this twenty-seventh day of

April in the year one thousand nine

hundred eighty-seven.

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BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FILED APR 28 1987

Secretary of State