Resolution Supporting Tire Safety Awareness

WHEREAS, data from the Federal Highway Administration\(^1\) (FHWA) indicates U.S. motorists traveled more than 3.2 trillion miles on tires in 2021, and

WHEREAS, maintaining proper tire pressure, periodically rotating and balancing tires according to the vehicle manufacturer’s recommendations (typically every 5,000-7,500 miles), and regularly inspecting tires can help prevent irregular and premature tire wear, and

WHEREAS, excessively worn tires are more susceptible to punctures and hydroplaning in wet conditions, and

WHEREAS, proper tread depth helps tires maintain traction and improves handling, and

WHEREAS, tire tread depth may be checked using a tread depth gauge or simply by inserting an upside down penny into the tread to verify it covers at least a portion of President Lincoln’s head, and

WHEREAS, under inflation is one of the primary causes of tire disablement and tire failure, and underinflated tires can make controlling your car more difficult, reduce gas mileage, lead to excessive heat build-up and stress, cause irregular wear and internal damage.

WHEREAS, overinflated tires are more likely to be cut, punctured or damaged when hitting an obstacle, such as a pothole, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association recommends drivers regularly check their tire tread depth, ensure that tires are rotated and properly aligned, and check their tire pressure monthly using a tire gauge while the tires are cold – meaning the car has not been driven for three hours, and

WHEREAS, a vehicle’s proper tire pressure is affixed to the vehicle’s door jamb next to the driver’s seat and contained in the vehicle owner’s manual, and

WHEREAS, motorists should visually scan their tires for cuts, cracks, splits, punctures, and bulges, and visit a tire professional to assist with any of these conditions, and

WHEREAS, spending just a few minutes each month to inspect and maintain your vehicle’s tires can make all the difference in your tires’ safety, life, and performance, and

\(^1\) [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel_monitoring/21novtvt/figure1.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel_monitoring/21novtvt/figure1.cfm)
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby recognizes the importance of regularly inspecting and maintaining a vehicle’s tires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association encourages motorists to periodically inspect and maintain their vehicle tires, including the spare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognizes National Tire Safety Week annually, each year that this resolution is in effect.

ADOPTED, this day, the _____ of March, 2022.