**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DESIGNATE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022, AS “SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Section 56‑5‑1535 of the South Carolina Code of Laws prohibits the endangerment of workers where highway construction, maintenance, utility work, accident response, or other incident response is being performed, and

Whereas, Section 56‑5‑1538 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires drivers of vehicles to slow down and move over when encountering authorized emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public service utility workers, emergency medical personnel, highway crews, and tow operators conduct valuable and often life‑saving operations at the roadside; and

Whereas, these personnel are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in dangerous roadside environments; and

Whereas, work space is often limited within the highway right of way, placing workers dangerously close to passing vehicles; and

Whereas, across the country, emergency workers, incident responders and highway workers are put at risk, often resulting in injury or death; and

Whereas, the towing industry is fifteen times deadlier than all other private industries combined, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas, one death is too many; and

Whereas, while all fifty states have “Slow Down, Move Over” laws, fewer than thirty percent of Americans know these laws, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

Whereas, there is a need for the public to be educated on the dangers of failing to abide by these laws; and

Whereas, the third Saturday in October is recognized as national “Slow Down, Move Over Day.” Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina designate Saturday, October 15, 2022, “Slow Down, Move Over Day” in South Carolina.

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