

**Southern Health Association  
Resolution  
Seat Belts**

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicle research and data have conclusively proven the lack of seat belt use are very costly injuries and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, a secondary seat belt law is beneficial but falls very short of the effectiveness needed; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary seat belt law provides the opportunity for law enforcement to ticket and fine non-seat belt users; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that with increased use of seat belts, traumatic brain injury will decrease dramatically.

**WHEREAS**, states that have upgraded to a primary seat belt law have seen seat belt use dramatically increase, sometimes by as much as thirty (30) percent.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Southern Health Association Governing Council supports legislation changing State's seat belt laws from secondary to primary; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Southern Health Association encourages all citizens to use seat belts at all times; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Affiliate States Governor, the Secretary of the Cabinet of Health Services, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Health and members of the General assembly.

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Date