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MEDIA ADVISORY

Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama Team Up for Hands Across the Border States Working to Save Lives by Encouraging Motorists to Buckle Up

NASHVILLE – Tennessee's Governor's Highway Safety Office is teaming up with law enforcement across the state and in bordering states to reduce roadway fatalities through enforcement and education. The GHSO will join Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama law enforcement agencies for a *Click It or Ticket* enforcement blitz in Chattanooga on Thursday night, May 27. The agencies will hold a media availability the following morning on Friday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the I-75 northbound Welcome Center to highlight the *Hands Across the Border* enforcement event.

WHO: Clint Shrum, Governor's Highway Safety Office
Kevin Hager, Governor's Highway Safety Office
Capt. Rex Prince, Tennessee Highway Patrol
Chief Brian Hickman, Collegedale Police Department
Lt. Gary McConathy, Fort Oglethorpe Police Department, Georgia
Vernon Dolberry, Alabama Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Lora Graham, Mother of two sons that were victims of a recent fatal crash in Marion County

WHAT: *Hands Across the Border* Press Conference

WHEN: Friday, May 28, 2010
10:00 A.M. EDT

WHERE: I-75 North, Tennessee Welcome Center
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Safety advocates created the *Hands Across the Border* campaign in 1991 to bring about more awareness of safety belt and child safety seat use across the southeastern states. Participating state and local enforcement agencies sponsor education and community outreach events and provide motorists with literature about the dangers of drunk driving, as well as the importance of safety belt and proper child safety seat use. Law enforcement officials are buckling down on those not buckled up this summer and will show zero tolerance for anyone caught speeding, driving impaired or not wearing a safety belt.

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