WHEREAS, the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967, Art. 6701j-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, authorizes the Governor to establish and administer a statewide TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM designed to reduce traffic accidents and the resulting deaths, injuries and property damages; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, P.L. 39-564, as amended, requires that the Federal program and funds be administered by the Governor through a state highway safety agency which shall have adequate powers and be suitably equipped and organized to carry out such programs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order D.B. 28, dated May 5, 1976, ordered the transfer of the functions of the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, including all personnel, records, contracts, etc., to the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and directed the Engineer-Director of such Department to assist in administering the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967 and the programs created pursuant to that Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-Fifth and Sixty-Sixth Legislatures have both provided direct appropriations to the Department of Highways and Public Transportation for Traffic Safety Promotion, thus recognizing and approving the concept of administration of the Texas Traffic Safety Act programs by such Department; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Art. 5429j, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, the organization and efficiency of state agencies is a proper concern of the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby revoke, rescind and repeal Executive Order D.B. 28 and do hereby order and direct as follows that:

1. The Engineer-Director of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation is directed to assist me and to act in my behalf to administer the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967 and the programs created pursuant to that Act.

2. The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation shall continue to function as the operating agency to implement and carry out the programs created pursuant to the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967, and shall do so through a single identifiable unit within the Department.

3. The Engineer-Director is directed to study and review the organizational structure of the Department of Highways and Public Transportation as it pertains to statewide traffic safety programs and to undertake such reorganization, including integration of all such programs into the traffic safety unit, as may be found appropriate or necessary to ensure that the goals of the various traffic safety programs can be accomplished.
4. The Engineer-Director is directed to report to the Governor annually on the status of programs created pursuant to the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967, including but not limited to information on progress toward the accomplishment of traffic safety program goals, expenditure of program funds, and major administrative steps taken under powers delegated by the terms of this order.

5. The Engineer-Director is directed to take such administrative or managerial steps regarding the present Office of Traffic Safety, including but not limited to the employment, termination or direction of personnel, as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this order, or to fulfill responsibilities delegated to him under terms of this order, subject to the continuing review of the Governor.

This Executive Order is effective on the 29th day of August, 1979, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August, 1979.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

H. DAVID HERNDON
Assistant Secretary of State

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