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## **BMV APPROVES 10 NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES**

*New plates available in 2012 as part of the group plate program*

INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosier motorists will have ten new specialty plates to consider when registering their vehicles in 2012. These plates will be available for purchase along with the other group plates currently available. The cost for the plate is \$40, with \$25 going directly to the sponsoring organization. The specialty plate fee is in addition to the normal fees and excise/wheel taxes paid with the registration. Indiana now offers 99 specialty license plates.

R. Scott Waddell, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), explained that the selections were based on criteria established by Indiana law and BMV regulations. Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization with a statewide beneficial impact. The application must include at least 500 signatures of people committing to purchase the plate.

Waddell added that because the BMV has implemented a “just-in-time” manufacturing and distribution processes, the specialty plate program is much easier to manage. Plates are now printed when they are ordered with no inventory kept in the branches. They are mailed from a central processing facility.

In 2010, Hoosiers purchased 442,573 specialty plates (excluding In God We Trust and some military-related and legislated plates that provide no funds for an organization) generating over \$11 million for the sponsoring organizations.

Complete information about all specialty plates is available on the **myBMV.com** website.

The newly approved specialty plates and the sponsors' use of the funds are

- Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Wetland conservation
- Indiana Association of Chief's of Police Foundation Education and training programs
- Indiana Motor Truck Assoc. Safer motoring environment
- Indiana Patriot Guard Riders Care packages to deployed troops
- Indiana Soccer Soccer outreach programs in the state
- Indiana Youth Group Support for community programs
- Indiana University Health Methodist Health Foundation
- Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc. Animal food stock and medicine
- Marine Foundation of Indiana, Inc. Scholarships, Toys for Tots and Young Marines
- Tony Stewart Foundation Grants to Indiana non-profit groups