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## **BMV Unveils New “In God We Trust” License Plate and Presents Special Medal of Honor Plate**

*Increased Use of Customer Choices Options Noted*

INDIANAPOLIS – R. Scott Waddell, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) today honored Sergeant Sammy Davis, Indiana’s only living recipient of the U. S. Medal of Honor, with a uniquely designed license plate that he will receive with his 2012 registration renewal. Waddell commented, “Sergeant Sammy Davis is a distinguished citizen of Indiana who has honored this state with his unselfish service to our Nation in cause of freedom. Governor Daniels believed that Sergeant Davis earned the right to have this unique Indiana license plate as an expression of gratitude and appreciation of his fellow Hoosiers.”

Commissioner Waddell also unveiled an updated design of Indiana’s popular “In God We Trust” license plate that will be available for new or renewed vehicle registrations in 2012.

Commissioner Waddell explained that the redesign of the In God We Trust license plate accommodates the BMV’s new licensing plate numbering system. He noted that all standard and specialty plates have been, or will be, redesigned by the end of 2013 to remove the small stacked letters and allow up to six larger letters and numbers. The new universal plate layout will allow the BMV to eliminate duplicate numbers across all plate types. The revised layout was developed in consultation with the State Police for improved readability. Waddell added the design and printing method for the new plate will save taxpayers \$1.5 million in production costs over the five-year life of the plate design. Indiana law requires that a new license plate be issued every five years.

The In God We Trust license plate was established by the State Legislature in 2006 as an optional standard plate with no additional fee. In 2007 Hoosiers purchased 1,611,087 In God We Trust license plates, and in 2010 the number sold increased to 1,944,771 or 30% of all registrations.

### **Customer Choices**

Commissioner Waddell also reported that a record 44% of all BMV transactions were now being completed outside of a license compared to just 15% in 2007. He noted, “Over the past five years we implemented many new and easier ways for customers to do business with the BMV. Many BMV transactions can be now processed online at the myBMV.com website, by mail and through our Customer Contact phone center. By moving these simple transactions from the branches, our license branch staff is more available to assist customers with more complicated transactions that must be completed at a branch.”

“In 2011, nearly 70% of all vehicle registration (license plate) renewals have been completed outside of a license branch. Online driver’s license renewal is the most recently added service, and this year 24% of driver’s license renewals have been online. Many of these were customers whose licenses expired in 2012 and who heeded our recommendation to renew early.”

**Click below for links to images of the new license plates:**

**In God We Trust:** [http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/In\\_God\\_We\\_Trust\\_License\\_Plate.pdf](http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/In_God_We_Trust_License_Plate.pdf)

**Army Medal of Honor:** [http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/Medal\\_of\\_Honor\\_License\\_Plate.pdf](http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/Medal_of_Honor_License_Plate.pdf)

For more information on Sgt. Davis visit the Congressional Medal of Honor Society website,  
<http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/3256/davis-sammy-1.php>

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