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ABC Agents Encourage Safety during Labor Day Weekend

Agents will be working with Local Law Enforcement to boost Public Safety

(SACRAMENTO) As tens of thousands of Californians plan to celebrate the Labor Day weekend with outdoor activities this weekend, they are encouraged to have a plan in place prior to any celebrations involving alcohol by designating a sober driver.

There will be some ABC agents on duty to increase safety by checking up on ABC licensed businesses and some large community events. “We’ll have agents on duty this weekend who will try to prevent underage drinking and over service to intoxicated patrons. We are also asking alcoholic beverage licensees to be vigilant when checking identifications to reduce underage youth access to alcohol,” said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith.

ABC will be working along with the California Highway Patrol and local law enforcement agencies to make the holiday weekend as safe as possible. Much of the funding for law enforcement overtime is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to help reduce the number of people who might drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. ABC protects communities through excellence in education and by administering prevention and enforcement programs designed to increase compliance with California’s alcoholic beverage laws. ABC licensees and their employees are encouraged to take ABC’s free LEAD training classes to help achieve higher compliance with alcoholic beverage laws. LEAD stands for Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs.

ABC’s mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety through licensing, education and enforcement. To learn more about ABC programs that help protect communities, prevent alcohol-related harm and potentially save lives visit https://www.abc.ca.gov/programs/programs_PE.html. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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