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TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL TO ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP WITH KULTURECITY

THP Will Be the First Law Enforcement Agency in Tennessee to Train & Become Sensory-Inclusive

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) will announce a statewide partnership with Kulture City, making THP the second state law enforcement agency in the United States, and the first law enforcement agency in Tennessee to have all road troopers trained to be sensory-inclusive.

KultureCity is a non-profit organization known for utilizing resources to transform and effect change in the community for individuals with sensory needs or those with invisible disabilities. Training focuses on instilling understanding, acceptance, and empathy in troopers toward those with sensory needs. The overall goal of the training is to enhance future interactions between law enforcement and the community to create the best outcomes.

 WHO: Lieutenant Governor, Randy McNally Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, Cameron Sexton Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner, Jeff Long Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel, Matt Perry Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Development Disabilities Commissioner, Brad Turner KultureCity

WHAT: Tennessee Highway Patrol/KultureCity Partnership Announcement

WHEN: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Noon CST

WHERE: Cordell Hull Press Conference Room 425 Rep. John Lewis Way North Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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