



**Proclamation**  
**by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors**  
**Recognizing April 20-26, 2008 as**  
**Safety Seat Checkup Week**

**WHEREAS**, the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 150 child passengers under sixteen are killed and more than 20,000 injured in automobile collisions in California each year; and

**WHEREAS**, up to 71% of the children killed would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested safety seats, boosters, or safety belts; and

**WHEREAS**, infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags; and

**WHEREAS**, although 82% of California children under age eight are using child restraints, more than three quarters of them are used incorrectly; and

**WHEREAS**, only 42% of California children who need a booster seat to avoid preventable injuries are using a booster; and

**WHEREAS**, crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety distribution programs throughout California; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has ruled that, until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in safety seats or boosters, in the back seat, when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts; and

**WHEREAS**, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for 28 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado that April 20-26 be declared Safety Seat Checkup Week.

**Passed and adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008.

**Attest:**

Cindy Keck

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors