



**Proclamation**  
**by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors**  
**Recognizing April 19-25, 2009 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 19-25, 2009 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.**

**Attest:**

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors