



Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

*Recognizing Safety Seat Checkup Week
April 10 - April 16, 2011*

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

WHEREAS, more than 90 child passengers under fifteen are killed and more than 10,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year; and

WHEREAS, 45% of injuries to child occupants ages four to eight could be prevented with the use of booster seats; and

WHEREAS, 71 % of small children killed in crashes would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in child safety seats; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of child safety seats are used incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, California's child safety seat usage rate reached a record high of 94% in 2008, but dropped to 91 % in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the State of California requires that all occupants be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts with children in the back seat until at least age six or 60 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the State of California requires all occupants of motor vehicles to be buckled up correctly on every ride;

WHEREAS, Safety Belt Safe U.S.A. has been dedicated for more than 30 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in support of child safety does Proclaim April 10 through April 16, 2011, as Safety Seat Checkup Week.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 5th day of April 2011.

Attest:

*Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair Raymond J. Nutting Board of Supervisors