



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
RECOGNIZING APRIL 15-21, 2012 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 90 child passengers under fifteen are killed and more than 10,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year; 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, 45% of injuries to child occupants ages four to eight could be prevented with the use of booster 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 95% in 2010, up from 90.9% 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 eight; and

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

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

Whereas, SafetyBeltSafe 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 that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize April 15-21, 2012 as Safety Seat Checkup Week.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 10th day of April, 2012.

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors