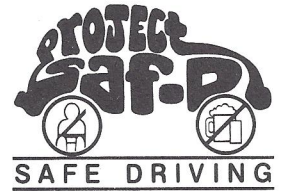




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PROCLAMATION

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children over the age of six months in the United States;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of the crippling of children in the United States;

Whereas more children under the age of five years are killed or crippled as passengers involved in motor vehicle crashes than the total number of children killed or crippled by the seven most common childhood diseases: pertussis, tetanus, diptheria, measles, mumps, rubella and polio;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the leading trauma-related cause of spinal cord injury, epilepsy and mental retardation in the United States;

Whereas between 1978 to 1988, about 10,000 children under the age of five years were killed in traffic crashes, and more that 500,000 were injured in the United States;

Whereas all 50 states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems;

Whereas the latest national surveys show that 82.5 percent of children under the age of five are placed in child safety seats in the United States;

Whereas current nationwide studies estimate that only 56 percent of children under the age of five are fully protected in cars in the United States through the correct use of child safety seats;

Whereas numerous government and private sector organizations have agreed to work together to achieve a minimum 70 percent correct use of child passenger protection systems and adult safety belts by the year 1990;

Whereas research shows that when used correctly, child passenger protection devices are 71 percent effective in preventing death and 67 percent effective in preventing injury;

Whereas death and injury may be reduced significantly through greater public awareness, ;information, education and enforcement;

now, there, I Mary E Adams, mayor of Fort Worth, Texas, in recognition of this tragic situation, so hereby proclaim the week of February 11-17, 1990 as

"National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week"

and encourage the community to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities to increase correct use of child safety seats.



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January 15, 1990

Dear Mayor,

As Valentine's Day approaches, our thoughts turn toward finding ways to show our loved ones how much we care about them. Flowers, cards, chocolates, and words are only one-time gestures. Buckling up a child is a token of affection that can save a life.

Each year, several hundred children are killed in highway crashes because they are not fully protected. In too many cases the children were instructed to get in the car and sit down. Some drivers even had a child safety seat in the vehicle, but either forgot to use it one crucial time, or didn't anchor the seat correctly.

Please join Project Saf-D and cities across the United States of America in proclaiming February 11-16, 1990 as **National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week**. Enclosed is a sample proclamation for your convenience. Please return your signed proclamation to Project Saf-D, 3900 Univ. Blvd., Tyler TX 75701-6699. We look forward to working with you throughout the new year.

Sincerely,

Lotus Cirilo

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