



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death of children over six months of age; and

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of crippling, spinal cord injuries, epilepsy, and mental retardation in the United States; and

WHEREAS: All fifty states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws mandating the use of federally approved child safety seats; and

WHEREAS: Correct use of child passenger protection systems can reduce the chance of death or injury during a car crash by over 70 percent; and

WHEREAS: Only 70 percent of Minnesota's infants and 30 percent of Minnesota's young children are secured in child safety seats when riding in automobiles; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 75 percent of child safety seats are used incorrectly; and

WHEREAS: Death and injuries may be greatly reduced through public awareness and enforcement of Minnesota's Child Passenger Protection Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 12-18, 1989 to be

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

and encourage the citizens of Minnesota to observe the week by remembering, when traveling by automobile with young children, to properly secure them in federally approved child safety seats, and by reminding family and friends to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.


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