



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Motor vehicle crashes 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: Proper use of child passenger protection systems can reduce the chance of death or injury during a car crash by 71 percent; and
- WHEREAS: Only 80 percent of Minnesota's infants and 45 percent of Minnesota's young children are secured in child safety seats when riding in automobiles; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 40 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 11-17, 1990 to be

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY  
AWARENESS WEEK

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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in Minnesota, 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.

*Joan Anderson Browne*  
Secretary of State

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 ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Browne*  
SECRETARY OF STATE