

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285392

ADOPTED ON FEB 27 1995

WHEREAS, February 12 through 18, 1995 has been declared Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, more children in the United States are killed and crippled in car crashes than from any other cause of injury; and

WHEREAS, when used correctly, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities and 67 percent effective in preventing serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, 268 children age 4 and under were saved in 1992 by child passenger safety seats and 2,061 lives were saved by child restraint use between 1982 and 1992; and

WHEREAS, if child safety seats were used by all children under age 5, an estimated 50,000 serious injuries would be prevented and 455 lives would be saved each year; and

WHEREAS all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Territories have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems; and

WHEREAS, many child safety seats are misused in some way, and correct placement and harnessing is critical to ensure adequate protection; and

WHEREAS, death and injury may be significantly reduced through greater public awareness, information, education and enforcement of child safety seat laws; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,

that this Council calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in The City of San Diego to promote awareness of every child's right to adequate protection when being transported in a motor vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this city joins the hundreds of local, state and national organizations in supporting efforts to reduce preventable deaths and injuries to child passengers in motor vehicles and this City Council hereby proclaims the week of February 12 through 18, 1995 to be **"NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK"** in The City of San Diego.

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