

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMS

APRIL 18-24

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, approximately 150 child passengers under sixteen are killed and 24,000 injured in automobile collisions each year in California; and

WHEREAS, up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested car safety seats or safety belts; and

WHEREAS, infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags; and

WHEREAS, only about 60% of children in this age group are protected by restraint use 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 car safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has rules that until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in child safety seats when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must use safety belts; and

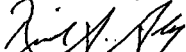
WHEREAS, the goal of SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is to further the right of every child to protection from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the week of April 18-24 as SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK.

DATED: April 20, 2004


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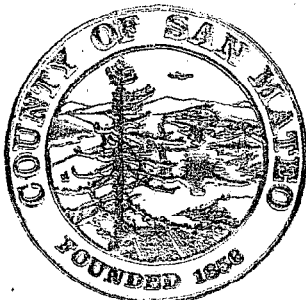

MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT

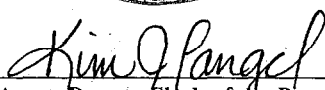

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