

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Proclamation proclaiming the Week of **March 30 – April 5, 2014**)
As “**Safety Seat Checkup Week**” in Monterey County)

WHEREAS, the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is automobile collision; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 child passengers under fifteen are killed and more than 10,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year; and

WHEREAS, 71% of small children killed in crashes would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in child safety seats; and

WHEREAS, 45% of injuries to child occupants ages four to eight could be prevented with the use of booster seats; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of child safety seats are used incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, California’s child safety seat usage rates reached a record high of 95% in 2010, up from 90.9% in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the State of California requires that all occupants be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts with children in the back seat until at least age eight; and

WHEREAS, the State of California requires all occupants of motor vehicles to be buckled up correctly 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 safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and

WHEREAS, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for more that 30 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of **March 30 – April 5, 2014** as “**Safety Seat Checkup Week**” in Monterey County and encourages all citizens who have a child under the age of eight years old to ensure their child is properly restrained in their child safety seat.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of March 2014, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:
Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy