



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

AND

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, on average, over 36,000 children ages 0 to 15 years old are involved in motor vehicle crashes in North Carolina each year (2011-2016); and

WHEREAS, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers; and

WHEREAS, children ages 2 to 5 years old who use safety belts prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than those in child safety seats or booster seats; and

WHEREAS, nearly 28 percent of children ages 0 to 7 years old, and more than 32 percent of children ages 8 to 15 years old, who were killed or seriously injured in passenger vehicle crashes in our state between 2011 and 2016 were improperly restrained or unrestrained; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Child Passenger Safety Law is one of the strongest and most enforceable laws in the nation, mandating the use of child restraints for children who are less than 8 years old and weigh less than 80 pounds; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to child passenger safety; our state has a vast network of more than 2,800 nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians representing 98 counties, 225 car seat checking stations where citizens can be educated on how to properly install child safety seats, and a website devoted to child passenger safety (www.buckleupnc.org); and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all parents, guardians, and caregivers to guarantee that all children are properly restrained at all times based on North Carolina's Child Passenger Safety Law; we can prevent deaths and injuries with the proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 – 24, 2017, as "CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK" and September 23, 2017, as "CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY DAY" in North Carolina, and commend observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.