



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

AND

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY DAY

2018

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, more than 43,000 children under the age of 15 are involved in motor vehicle crashes in North Carolina each year (2012-2017); 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 30 percent of children under the age of 7, and more than 31 percent of children ages 8 to 15 years old who were killed or seriously injured in passenger vehicle crashes in our state between 2012 and 2017 were improperly restrained or unrestrained; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Child Passenger Safety Law is one of the strongest child passenger safety laws in the nation, mandating the use of child restraints for children that 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 people can be educated on how to properly install child safety seats, and www.buckleupnc.org, a website devoted to child passenger safety; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages 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 by increasing awareness and enforcement of 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 24 – 28, 2018, as "**CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**" and September 25, 2018, 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 twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.