

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our future; protecting them is the responsibility of all community members; and,

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. It is hard to overstate the toll this takes on families, but together we can help put an end to this tragedy by taking some important steps; and,

WHEREAS, today, all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. Territories require the use of car seats for children travelling in motor vehicles. Car seat and seat belt laws were enacted because they save lives and prevent injuries; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that car seats reduce the risk of fatal injuries for infants and toddlers and they are most effective when installed and used correctly. Sadly, nearly three out of every four child safety seats are not used properly. By working together, we must join forces to prevent these deaths and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, that is why St. Charles Parish is committed to working closely with safety advocates to help ensure children arrive safe and alive. Our goal is to educate parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep kids safe while travelling, no matter how short or long the trip; and,

WHEREAS, during Child Passenger Safety Week, car seat safety events will be held across the country; and,

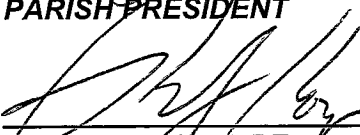
WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish encourages all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this service to make sure that their children are in the right car seats for their age and size, and that seats are installed correctly. To locate an inspection station in your area, please go to safercar.gov/parents or call your local Fire Department.

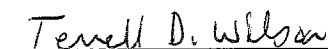
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM **SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2017 AS**

"NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK"
AND PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 AS
"NATIONAL SEAT CHECK SATURDAY"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HELP REDUCE INJURIES AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE BY BUCKLING UP THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN ON EVERY TRIP, EVERY TIME.


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