

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Many times, death and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts; and,

**WHEREAS,** today, all states and United States territories have child passenger safety laws that require child safety seats for infants and children fitting specific criteria which vary by age, weight, and height of the child; 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, that is why St. Charles Parish is committed to working closely with safety advocates to help ensure children arrive safe and alive; and,

**WHEREAS,** the goal is to educate parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep children safe while travelling, no matter how short or long the trip; and,

**WHEREAS,** in Louisiana, child passenger safety fitting stations may be found statewide with over 600 nationally certified child passenger safety technicians available to make sure your child's safety seats are installed properly; 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 properly. To locate an inspection station in your area, please go to [www.lahighwaysafety.org](http://www.lahighwaysafety.org) or call your local Fire Department.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2023, AS**

**"NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK"**

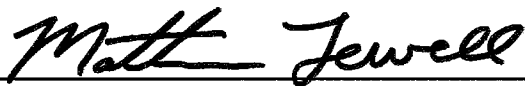
**AND PROCLAIM**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2023,**

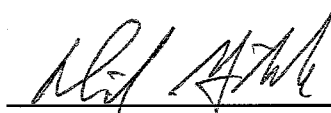
**AS**

**"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.**



**MATTHEW JEWELL  
PARISH PRESIDENT**



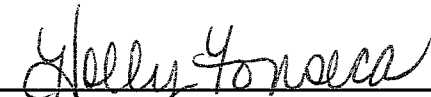
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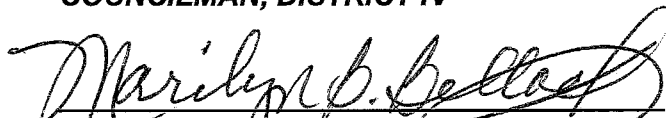
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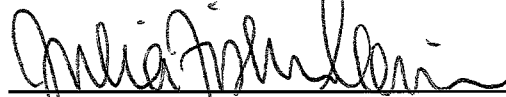
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