

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, according to the National Safety Council, 21 children have died in hot cars so far this year, 52 children died in hot cars in 2018, and since 1998, almost 800 children have died from vehicular heatstroke. 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, "Don't Leave Me Behind" is a vehicular heatstroke prevention partnership between United Way of St. Charles Success by 6, St. Charles Women's Club, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, St. Charles Parish Public Schools, St. Charles Humane Society, St. Charles Fireman's Association, St. Charles Parish Library, St. Charles Community Health Center, German Coast Farmer's Market, Four Stars Childcare Facility and St. Charles Parish Government. Information is available through contact with any of these agencies; and,

WHEREAS, strategies such as getting in the habit of always opening the back door to check the back seat before leaving your vehicle, investing in a car-child-safety mirror, writing a brightly-colored sticky note to put on the dash board of your car (ex. Baby/Pets in Back), can save the life of a child or pet; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is committed to working closely with community advocates to help prevent kids and pets from being left in cars unattended. Our goal is to educate parents and caregivers about vehicular heatstroke in order to prevent tragedies when travelling with kids and pets; no matter how short or long the trip; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish encourages all parents, family members, and caregivers, to work together with the agencies promoting the "Don't Leave Me Behind" prevention and awareness program, and to relay the information obtained to friends and coworkers through social media.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 2019 AS

"VEHICULAR HEATSTROKE AWARENESS MONTH"

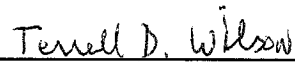
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HELP PREVENT THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE, OF KIDS AND PETS BEING LEFT IN UNATTENDED CARS.




LARRY COCHRAN
PARISH PRESIDENT



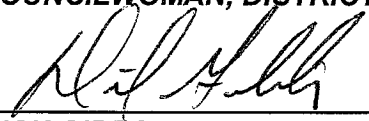
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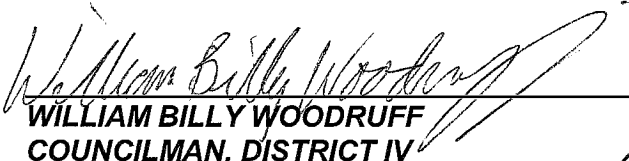
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