

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2024 AS CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of children in vehicles is a top priority for parents and caregivers, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is committed to helping protect our nation's youngest passengers; and

WHEREAS, road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States; and car seats, booster seats, and seat belts have been proven to significantly reduce fatalities in car crashes involving children, with correct usage lowering the risk of death by up to 71%; and

WHEREAS, less than half of car seats are installed or used correctly. Mendocino County, in collaboration with community partners, has identified and worked to fulfill the need for certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) who provide education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is dedicated to supporting parents and caregivers by providing education on child passenger safety and will join NHTSA in September to observe Child Passenger Safety Week, promoting awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, during Child Passenger Safety Week, parents and caregivers are encouraged to access free online resources to ensure their children are in the correct car seats and that these seats are properly installed. Visit www.nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat for more information; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Department of Public Health offers free one-on-one car seat safety appointments with a CPST for residents with children ages 0 through 12, available at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/public-health/nursing/public-health>.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims September 15 - 21, 2024, as:

"Child Passenger Safety Week"

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair