

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4c

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 1, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim April 20-26, 2008 as Safety Seat Checkup Week in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim April 20-26, 2008 as Safety Seat Checkup Week in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-233

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None


1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.



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March 17, 2008

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Stephanie M. Tombrello, L.C.S.W.
Executive Director, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.

Re: Safety Seat Checkup Week, April 20-26, 2008

You can help save children from suffering tragic injuries by helping to make Safety Seat Checkup Week, April 20-26, a special event in your county. Help reduce the unnecessary toll of children injured seriously or fatally in motor vehicle crashes.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is available to you as a resource for posters, pamphlets, films, speakers, program ideas, and information about California buckle-up laws. We would appreciate it if the Board of Supervisors would

- Issue a proclamation in recognition of Safety Seat Checkup Week (sample enclosed) which we can display at Safety Seat Checkup Day.
- Encourage targeted enforcement to increase the percentage of citations issued for violations of child safety seat and safety belt laws during Special Enforcement Week (April 13 to 19).
- Distribute posters and pamphlets, available from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A., through county agencies and employees. Put up our permanent "Buckle-Up" parking lot signs.

In Los Angeles County, for example, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is holding a major event as the culmination of the Week: Safety Seat Checkup Day on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Petersen Automotive Museum parking lot in Los Angeles. On April 26, families who want to participate in Safety Seat Checkup Day will drive to a designated area where trained volunteers will conduct a detailed inspection of their safety seats and the way they are being used. Parents will be told if the safety seats have been recalled or need replacement parts and shown how to use them correctly.

Your support for this effort, reported to newspapers in your county, may encourage them to publicize this subject more widely. Please share your ideas for Safety Seat Checkup Week with us.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision; and

WHEREAS, more than 150 child passengers under sixteen are killed and more than 20,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year; and

WHEREAS, up to 71% of the children killed would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested safety seats, boosters, or safety belts; and

WHEREAS, infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags; and

WHEREAS, although 82% of California children under age eight are using child restraints, more than three quarters of them are used incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, only 42% of California children who need a booster seat to avoid preventable injuries are using a booster; and

WHEREAS, crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has ruled that, until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in safety seats or boosters, in the back seat, when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts; and

WHEREAS, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for 28 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle:

NOW BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY OF _____
THAT APRIL 20-26, 2008, BE DECLARED SAFETY SEAT
CHECKUP WEEK.