



Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, despite ongoing efforts to better protect child passengers in cars, motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of accidental injury-related death among children ages 14 and under; and

WHEREAS, riding unrestrained is the greatest risk factor for death and injury among child occupants of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, only 19 percent of children who should be restrained in belt-positioning booster seats actually use them; and

WHEREAS, child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used correctly, can prevent injuries and save lives; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week 2006, Safe Kids USA will be calling attention to the need for correct booster seat use and helping parents and caregivers understand when it is safe for children to graduate to an adult-sized safety belt and will be performing inspections and training parents and caregivers to install and adjust their car seats properly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins do hereby proclaim February 12-18, 2006 as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

in the city of Fort Collins and call upon all the residents of Fort Collins to join with me in supporting the efforts and activities of Safe Kids Coalition to prevent motor vehicle injuries and deaths to our children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of February, A.D. 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk