



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation reminds us that, in the United States, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages three to fourteen; and that in Hawai'i five children under the age of eight have died in the last five years in motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation recognizes that, in the United States, nearly half of the children ages fourteen and under who died in crashes were completely unrestrained; and that teaching families how to safely transport their children (using car seats, booster seats and seat belts properly on every ride) can save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation reminds us that numerous studies show car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for children younger than one and by 54 percent for children one to four years old in passenger cars; and that they are most effective when installed and used correctly; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation is committed to working closely with stakeholders and safety advocates to help the people of Hawai'i make the kind of choices that will keep our *keiki* safe; with the goal to educate parents and caregivers about best practices when traveling with children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2012, as

"CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us supporting the goals of the State Department of Transportation in ensuring the safety of all of our *keiki o ka 'aina*.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of September, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i