



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Recognizing September 21-27 As Child Passenger Safety Week For 2025**

**Whereas,** vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children in the United States; from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024 there were a total of 238 crashes involving children under the age of eight, killing two and injuring 533 in Sonoma County;

**Whereas,** car seats and booster seats have height and weight limits, and child passengers are best protected in a crash when they are correctly buckled in the right seats for their ages and sizes;

**Whereas,** improper use of child safety seats increases the likelihood of children being injured or killed in crashes, and in 2023 nearly 75% of all car seats inspected in the United States were improperly installed and used; in Sonoma County one child was fully ejected from the vehicle during a crash, due to improper use of child restraints;

**Whereas,** parents and caregivers are good at getting expert help when children are less than one year old, or before the child is born, but do not always come back for adjustments as their child grows and transitions to a new car seat;

**Whereas,** children are often transitioned out of the appropriate car seat before it is safe to do so, with 25% of children moved to booster seats too soon, and 94% of children transitioned to adult seat belts too soon;

**Whereas,** numerous organizations, including the Department of Health Services,

provide car seats and installation training to low-income families at no cost, making this vital resource accessible;

**Whereas**, proper use of child safety seats protects children and can save lives;

**Whereas**, it is appropriate to recognize Child Passenger Safety Week;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma call attention to this critical issue in our community by proclaiming the week of September 21-27, 2025 as Child Passenger Safety Week in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:      Rabbitt:      Coursey:      Gore:      Hopkins:

Ayes:      Noes:      Absent:      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**