MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS   April 14, 2009

WHEREAS, the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision and 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 crash0tested safety seats, boosters, or safety belts and 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 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 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:

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby designate the **week of April 19-25, 2009** as **SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK** throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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