

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 90 child passengers under fifteen are killed and more than 10,000 injured in automobile collisions in California each year; and
- WHEREAS,** up to 71% of small 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,** the State of California has ruled that, until children are six years of age or 60 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,** for more than 30 years, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO,** as Mayor of the City of Torrance, do hereby proclaim April 10 through 16, 2011 as

## ***SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK***

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all parents in the community to participate in activities being held to promote child passenger safety, specifically Safety Seat Checkup Day on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

Signed this 5th day of April 2011.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk