

  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** FEBRUARY 12-18, 2006, HAS BEEN DECLARED "NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK"; AND
- WHEREAS,** THERE ARE MORE THAN 60 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER AGE 15 IN THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE **LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH** FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-11, BASED ON 2002 STATISTICS BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATISTICS AND ANALYSIS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THAT IN 2005, MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES IN IOWA OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 11 NUMBERED 7 AND THAT 6 OF THOSE CHILDREN WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3-11 AND AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 3,400 ARE INJURED EACH YEAR IN IOWA MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA CHILD PASSENGER OBSERVATIONAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INJURY PREVENTION INDICATE THAT ONLY 82% OF IOWA'S CHILDREN ARE RESTRAINED IN MOTOR VEHICLES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY EVENTS REPORT THAT THERE ARE STILL APPROXIMATELY 80% OF CHILD SAFETY SEATS BEING CHECKED THAT ARE EITHER IMPROPERLY INSTALLED OR NOT INSTALLED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION OR CHILDREN INCORRECTLY RESTRAINED; AND
- WHEREAS,** PROPER USE OF SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS IS ONE OF THE **MOST** EFFECTIVE WAYS TO REDUCE A CHILD'S CHANCE OF A FATAL OR SERIOUS INJURY:

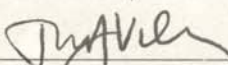
**NOW THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 12-18, 2006, AS**

**IOWA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**

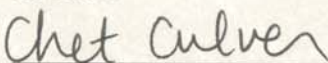
IN IOWA, AND URGE EVERY PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CAREGIVER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF A CHILD TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THAT CHILD IS PROPERLY SECURED IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE CHILD SAFETY SEAT OR RESTRAINT IN EVERY VEHICLE, EVERY TRIP, EVERY TIME. I URGE EACH CITIZEN, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, BUSINESS, HEALTH CARE FACILITY, SCHOOL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATION TO JOIN WITH US TO CELEBRATE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK AND TO PROMOTE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN EACH AND EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SIX.

  
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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
*by J. Klaassen, Deputy*