

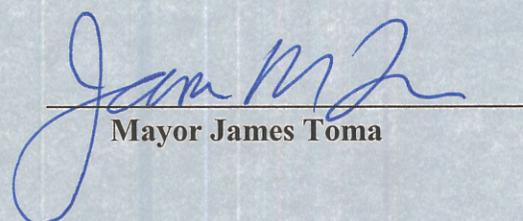
# Proclamation

## Safety Seat Check-up Week

- 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 in each year; and
- WHEREAS,** 71% of small children killed in crashes would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in child safety seats; and
- WHEREAS,** 45% of injuries to child occupants ages four to eight could be prevented with the use of booster seats; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 90% of child safety seats are used incorrectly; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of California requires that all occupants be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts with children in the back seat until at least age eight; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of California requires all occupants of motor vehicles to be buckled up correctly on every ride; and
- WHEREAS,** crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and
- WHEREAS,** SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for more than 35 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I James Toma, Mayor of the City of West Covina,** proclaim April 3 through April 9, 2016, as *Safety Seat Check-up Week* and in doing so encourage West Covina residents to participate with *SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.* to protect adolescents by increasing passenger safety awareness.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2016

  
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Mayor James Toma

