

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, children are our future and as parents and caregivers it is our responsibility to keep America's children safe; and

*W*HEREAS, in 2009, an average of two children age 12 and younger were killed and an average of 340 were injured in motor vehicle traffic accidents every day; and

*W*HEREAS, for children ages one through 12, motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death and it is hard to overstate the toll this takes on families, but together we can put an end to this tragedy; and

*W*HEREAS, today, all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico require that children be restrained in motor vehicles. These laws were enacted because of the tremendous safety benefits car seats provide; and

*W*HEREAS, research shows car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for children younger than one and by 54 percent for children one to four years old; and

*W*HEREAS, when installed and used correctly, car seats help save lives help save lives and reduce injuries; and

*W*HEREAS, unfortunately, nearly three out of four car seats are not used properly and we must work together to prevent these unnecessary deaths and injuries; and

*W*HEREAS, the safest place for all children up to age 13 is in the back seat and the State of Connecticut is committed to working closely with our partners and safety advocates to help keep kids safe; and

*W*HEREAS, our goal is to educate parents and caregivers about best practices when traveling with children from birth through age 12; and

*W*HEREAS, during Child Passenger Safety Week, hundreds of free car seat inspection stations will be set up across the country. I encourage all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this service and ensure that their children are getting the very best protection; now

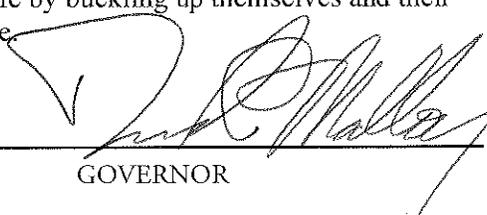
*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 18 through September 24, 2011, as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

and September 24, 2011, as

NATIONAL SEAT CHECK SATURDAY

and I urge everyone to help reduce injuries and the tragic loss of life by buckling up themselves and their children every trip, every time.


GOVERNOR

