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Joint Resolution

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Designating June 26 through July 2, 1988, as "National Safety Belt Use Week".

Whereas safety belts and child safety seats have proven to be effective in reducing highway fatalities and injuries;

Whereas the legislatures of 32 States and the District of Columbia have recognized the benefits of safety belt use and have enacted safety belt use laws;

Whereas these laws apply to nearly 205,000,000 persons;

Whereas child safety seat use laws are in effect in every State;

Whereas as a result of safety belt and child safety seat use laws and other activities, millions of Americans are regularly wearing safety belts and using child safety seats;

Whereas use of these safety systems by all drivers, passengers, and children would prevent thousands of fatalities and injuries each year;

Whereas use of safety belts and child safety seats should be encouraged even as passive restraint systems are phased into the vehicle fleet; and

Whereas numerous public interest and safety organizations are working to encourage more extensive use of safety belts and child safety seats: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That June 26 through July 2, 1988, is designated as "National Safety Belt Use Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) to urge the people of the United States—

(A) to wear safety belts and to have their children wear safety belts, and

(B) to use child safety seats, and

(2) to encourage State and local governments, schools, health agencies, public safety and law enforcement agencies, motor vehicle manufacturers, the insurance industry, the military, media organizations, the business community, the entertainment industry, and other concerned organizations and officials to promote greater use of these essential safety devices.

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