

# The City of East Peoria



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, all 50 states, the District of Columbia and all U.S. territories require the use of car seats for children traveling in motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, car seat laws were enacted because they save lives and prevent injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, of the 634 children 12 and younger who were killed riding in passenger vehicles, approximately one in three were not in a car seat, booster seat or wearing a seat belt; and

**WHEREAS**, injury potentially could have been avoided had these children been buckled up; and

**WHEREAS**, educating parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep children safe while traveling in cars, no matter how short or long the trip, can work toward eliminating these preventable deaths and injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in car seat safety checks, such as the ones conducted from 1 until 4 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the East Peoria Fire Department's Central Station, to make sure their children are in the right car seats for their age and size, and that the seats are installed correctly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN P. KAHL, Mayor** of the City of East Peoria, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2020 as

### **"CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK"**

and call upon all citizens to help reduce injuries and the tragic loss of life by buckling up their children every trip, every time.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of East Peoria, Illinois to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK