

# 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**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury to infants and toddlers by 71% in passenger cars; and

**WHEREAS**, injury potentially could be avoided by the proper installation and use of car seats according to age and weight of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, educating parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep children safe while traveling in vehicles, 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. on 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 17-23, 2023 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.



John P. Kahl  
MAYOR

Maryann R. Cordwalder  
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: