

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in 2016, Emergency Medical Services responded to 373 motor vehicle crash-related injuries nationwide involving children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of injury-related death for Vermonters under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, families can safeguard the health and well-being of their children by establishing safety habits that set forth sustainable practices for the rest of their lives, including pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians should be made aware that children age 13 and under should always ride in the back seat, be buckled, or properly contained in child safety seats, and rear-facing child seats should never be placed in the passenger seat of a motor vehicle equipped with a passenger side air bag; and

WHEREAS, child passenger protection laws require proper restraints to be used for younger children and safety belts to be used by older children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2017 as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7th day of August, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs