

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in 2016, Emergency Medical Services responded 440 times for motor vehicle crash-related injuries 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 habits which promote safety for the rest of their lives, and extend beyond child safety seats and seat belts to include good safety habits for young pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians should make sure children age 13 and under always ride in the back seat, buckled up or in properly installed child safety seats, and stay in a rear facing child seat until at least age 2; and

WHEREAS, child passenger protection laws require proper restraints for younger children and safety belt use by older children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 23 - 29, 2018 as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of September, A.D. 2018

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaye Pershing Johnson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat slanted.

Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs