



City of Cambridge

MAYOR VELLUCCI

February 13, 1989

IN CITY COUNCIL

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- WHEREAS: More children under the age of five years are killed or crippled as passengers involved in motor vehicle crashes than the total number of children killed or crippled by the seven most common childhood diseases; and
- WHEREAS: During the years 1978 and 1986 nearly nine thousand three hundred children under the age of five years were killed in traffic crashes, and more than four hundred and fifty thousand children were injured in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: All fifty states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems; and
- WHEREAS: The latest national surveys show that 84 percent of children under the age of five are placed in child safety seats in the United States and that approximately one-third of such seats are used incorrectly; and
- WHEREAS: Current nationwide studies estimate that only 55 percent of children under the age of five are fully protected in cars in the United States through the correct usage of child safety seats; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous government and private sector organizations have agreed to work in concert to achieve a minimum 70 percent correct usage of child passenger protection devices and adult safety belts by the year 1990; and
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Order # 3 *S-97*

M. Vellucci re: resolutions proclaiming the
week of February 12-18, 1989 as "Child Passen-
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Order Adopted

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