

1 [Safety Seat Checkup Week]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 18, 2004 through April 24, 2004 as “Safety Seat Checkup**
4 **Week” in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and
7 young adults is the automobile collision; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 150 child passengers under sixteen are killed and 24,000
9 injured in automobile collisions each year in California; and,

10 WHEREAS, Up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly
11 restrained in crash-tested car safety seats or safety belts; and,

12 WHEREAS, Infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use
13 proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags; and,

14 WHEREAS, Only about 60% of children in this age group are protected by restraint use
15 ON EVERY RIDE; and,

16 WHEREAS, Crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for
17 purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout
18 California; and,

19 WHEREAS, The State of California has ruled that until children are six years of age of
20 sixty pounds, they must be restrained in child safety seats when riding in motor vehicles and
21 that all other occupants must use safety belts; and,

22 WHEREAS, The goal of SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is to further the right of every child to
23 protection from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle; now, therefore be it,

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares April 18, 2004 through April 24,
25 2004 as “Safety Seat Checkup Week” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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