

SENATE RESOLUTION
8707

By Senators Keiser, McAuliffe, McDermott, Tom, Fraser, Fairley, Prentice, Kauffman, King, Weinstein, Kilmer, Hobbs, Marr, Eide, Franklin, Roach, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Benton, Rasmussen, Carrell, Pflug, Parlette, Swecker, and Shin

WHEREAS, Accidental injury is a leading cause of death among children ages 14 and under; and

WHEREAS, Each year in Washington State, an average of 142 children, 17 years of age and younger, die from accidental injuries; and

WHEREAS, Each year in Washington State, over 2,500 hospitalizations occur to children 17 years of age and younger for accidental injuries; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of injuries are preventable; and

WHEREAS, During the summer season from May through August in Washington State an average of two children die each week due to accidental injuries; and

WHEREAS, High-risk activities that show the greatest seasonal surge in injuries and deaths between May and August, compared to the rest of the year, are biking, water-related activities, pedestrian-related activities, motor vehicle-related activities, and other activities with a high risk of falls; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, Safe Kids USA, and Safe Kids Washington promote childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating public policy changes, promoting new technology, and raising awareness through the media; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Washington is launching Safe Kids Week 2008, "Gear Up For Safety," which focuses on safety activities; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Washington is planning special childhood injury prevention activities and community-based events for Safe Kids Week 2008 in an effort to educate families about summer safety; and

WHEREAS, Founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson and Safe Kids Washington are celebrating "Twenty Years of Creating a Safer World for Children";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and support Safe Kids Week the first week of May, and the efforts and activities of Safe Kids to prevent childhood injury.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8707,
adopted by the Senate
January 29, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate