**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE SAFE KIDS UPSTATE, A PROGRAM LED BY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES.

Whereas, Safe Kids Upstate and its coalition partners have dedicated fifteen years of service to educate the children and families of Upstate South Carolina on best‑practice safety initiatives to prevent unintentional injury to children; and

Whereas, the leading cause of death to children fourteen years and younger in the United States is unintentional injury; and

Whereas, over the last fifteen years, Safe Kids Upstate has contributed to the reduction of deaths due to accidental childhood injury in the Upstate by approximately twenty-five percent; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Upstate has contributed to the reduction of non‑fatal unintentional injuries in the Upstate by seventeen percent; and

Whereas, the leading cause of death in children fourteen years and younger in South Carolina is motor vehicle accidents; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Upstate has contributed to a forty-five percent reduction of motor vehicle deaths of children under the age of five years in Upstate, South Carolina; and

Whereas, five permanent car seat safety fitting stations and over ten thousand car seat safety checks conducted in the Upstate has contributed to the reduction of motor vehicle deaths of children under the age of five years; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Upstate remains committed to its mission to educate families, provide safety devices to families in need, and advocate for better laws to help keep children safe, healthy, and out of the emergency room; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Upstate looks forward to continued growth through strategic partnerships with sponsors, health professionals, schools, legislators, industry, and nearby communities. These partnerships are vital in producing safer environments for children at home, at school, at play, and on the way. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate request that parents, caregivers, schools, business leaders, legislators, and health professionals make preventing unintentional childhood injuries a priority and continue supporting the efforts of Safe Kids Upstate.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Safe Kids Upstate, Children’s Trust of South Carolina, and Safe Kids Worldwide.

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