

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Estes Park, Colorado**

**P**roclamation

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 5 to 15 years of age. A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded children are safer in the backseat; and

WHEREAS, airbags are lifesaving devices, but special precautions must be taken when driving children in airbag equipped vehicles; and

WHEREAS, injuries to children can be prevented by following simple guidelines such as buckling up every child in the backseat of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Optimist International Child Program "Always Buckle Children in the Backseat" raises community awareness of the need to safely place children in cars; and

WHEREAS, the Optimist Clubs and their members continue to sponsor and support programs for children, they are committed to make a difference for children in the community with this exciting new program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that April 19-25, 1998, is hereby designated

**ALWAYS BUCKLE CHILDREN IN THE BACKSEAT WEEK**

in the Town of Estes Park for the purpose of encouraging all our citizens to join with the Optimist Clubs in carrying the message of safety for our children to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.



*Halbert L. Leckner*  
Mayor, Town of Estes Park

*Tina Kuehl*  
Attest