



Family Safety Day

October 5, 2008.

Whereas, through the leadership of the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, our 5 county area was designated a Safe Community by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2007;

Whereas, Greater Omaha was the 4th designation for the U.S. and the 113th in the world to receive this designation;

Whereas, in keeping with our mission to keep our community safe, and continuing to meet the guidelines set forth by World Health Organization in designating our community a "Safe Community" the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter today holds its 23rd Family Safety Day;

Whereas, the goal of Family Safety Day is to educate the community about injury prevention, as unintentional injuries are the greatest cause of death for ages 2 to 44;

Whereas, the 2008 Family Safety Day is expanding its reach to all ages of the community by activities such as; safety focused entertainment for young children by the String Beans, "Street Smarts" seminar for parents of teen drivers, and "Movement Improvement T'ai Chi and Aikido demonstrations to address older adult fall prevention;

Whereas, participants in Family Safety Day include local fire, police and sheriff departments, hospitals, child passenger safety technicians and health and wellness organizations all collaborating in the effort to keep our community safe and prevent unintentional injuries;

Whereas, the cost of unintentional injuries to Americans and their employers exceeds \$650 billion each year and causes great suffering among individuals and their families;

Whereas, Greater Omaha Area residents and all Americans deserve to live in communities that promote safe and healthy living;

Now, therefore we, mayors in the Greater Omaha Area, do hereby proclaim Greater Omaha Area's support of the 2008 Family Safety Day and strongly urge the citizens of this Greater Omaha Area to practice safe and healthy behaviors in all aspects of their lives to prevent unintentional injuries.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 5th day of October, the year of two-thousand and eight.

[Handwritten signatures of Douglas Kindig, James Blinn, Don Groesser, Tim Gilligan, and Tom Hanafan]

Douglas Kindig, Mayor, La Vista

James Blinn, Mayor, City of Papillion

Don Groesser, Mayor, City of Ralston

Tim Gilligan, Mayor, City of Gretna

Tom Hanafan, Mayor, City of Council Bluffs