
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** falls are the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths in Iowa and are higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated total cost for fall-related hospitalizations in Iowa is increasing and account for more than \$242 million annually; and
- WHEREAS,** falls among older adults occur in all socioeconomic and cultural groups with nearly one-third of older adults experiencing a fall; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition and Iowa Falls Statewide Strategy are leading efforts to expand referral to evidence-based classes that reduce fall risk among older adults; and
- WHEREAS,** ensuring that health care providers screen for fall risk among older adults and provide resource material to older adults, their families and caregivers are steps that can help reduce the number of injuries due to falls.

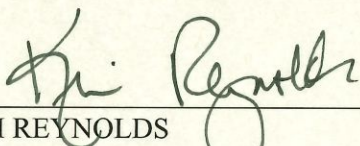
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2020 as

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

in Iowa and commend its observance to all citizens of the state.

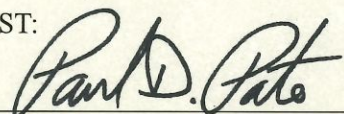


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE