


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 18 percent of Iowa citizens are 65 years of age or older and that three out of every ten people 65 and older will fall each year; and

WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths in Iowa and the number of falls in Iowa is higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, falls among older adults occur in all socioeconomic and cultural groups and injuries from falls are primarily a preventable community health problem; and

WHEREAS, members of the Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition are working to increase awareness of this issue, promote multidisciplinary strategies to prevent falls and encourage citizens to take steps to protect those who are at increased risk of falling; and

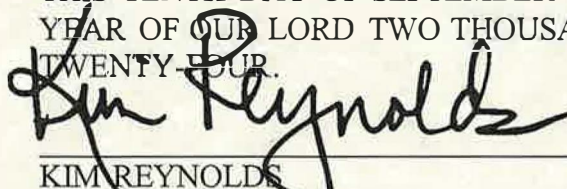
WHEREAS, guided by a community-level collaboration of researchers, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders, Iowa is working to increase statewide fall risk screening and the dissemination of evidence-based programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 23-28, 2024, as:

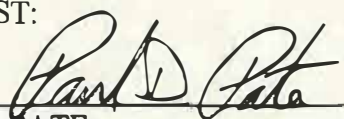
Falls Prevention Week



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 TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE