  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for Iowans ages 1 -44 and the 4th leading cause of death for all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, injuries and violence resulted in an annual average of 2,200 deaths, 14,000 hospitalizations, and 387,000 emergency department visits in Iowa. The number of injuries in Iowa is estimated to be higher due to the unknown number of individuals who received other medical care or no care at all; and

**WHEREAS**, injuries can result in a high cost to Iowans with average charges up to \$54,700 per hospitalization and more than \$1,900 per emergency department visit annually; and

**WHEREAS**, in Iowa, the three leading causes of unintentional injury deaths in 2022 were falls, motor-vehicle crashes, and unintentional poisoning; and

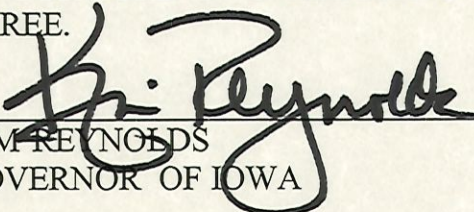
**WHEREAS**, injuries, whether intentional or unintentional, are preventable within the state of Iowa. University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and other partners across the state are committed to increasing public awareness and education around the prevention of injuries as we observe National Injury Prevention Day in Iowa and throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as:

**National Injury Prevention Day**



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 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR  
OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-  
THREE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE