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 18th, 2023, as:

**National Injury Prevention Day**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREBY SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

Kim Reynolds
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul Fate
SECRETARY OF STATE