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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, injuries are the third leading cause of death in Oklahoma, and are the leading cause of death for Oklahomans between the ages of one and forty-four years; and

Whereas, more than 3,800 Oklahomans die due to injury every year and more than 21,500 Oklahomans are hospitalized due to injury every year; and

Whereas, injuries account for more premature deaths before age 65 in Oklahoma than heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke, and liver disease combined; and

Whereas, unintentional falls are the leading cause of injury death in Oklahoma and hospitalize 9,500 Oklahomans per year; and

Whereas, 869 Oklahomans died by suicide in 2020; and

Whereas, methamphetamine overdose represents 60% of unintentional drug overdose deaths; and

Whereas, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death for children aged 5 to 9 years; and

Whereas, 841 Oklahomans died from firearm-related injuries in 2020; and

Whereas, injuries occur in predictable and preventable patterns and experiencing injury can have a lifelong impact; and

Whereas, individuals, businesses, and communities should work together to prevent injuries and violence through addressing inequities and implementing research-based programs and policies;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2022, as

"Injury Prevention Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this seventeenth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifteenth year.

Kevin P. Blagden

Kevin Stitt

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR



ATTEST.