

King County, WA Proclamation

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries and violence are leading causes of death and disability to U.S. children ages 1 to 18; and

WHEREAS, Injuries and violence are a significant problem in Washington State, traffic-related crashes being the leading cause of death among Washington's children 1 to 18 years, followed by poisoning and drowning; and

WHEREAS, King County is committed to creating a safe environment that contributes to the health and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and death by promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries and violence among children; King County commends Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, Public Health – Seattle & King County, and Seattle Children's and all involved in their endeavor to protect children from injury & violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, as King County Executive, do proclaim and order November 18 as

National Injury Prevention Day

and call upon the residents of King County to join me in observing this important day, participate fittingly in its observance, and continue all efforts to reduce the risk of injury and violence in our County, the State, and the Nation.