

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 2,100 deaths, 17,200 hospitalizations, and 257,000 emergency department visits annually 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 \$43,200 per hospitalization and \$2,700 per emergency department visit annually; and
- WHEREAS, in Iowa, the three leading causes of unintentional injury deaths in 2020 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, 2022 as:

National Injury Prevention Day

OF THE SOURCE OF

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 114 DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTYTWO.

KIM REYNOLDS

GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE