



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, falls are the leading cause of injury-related death and injuries requiring hospitalization or treatment, with the vast majority of falls occurring among older Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Falls contribute significantly to depression, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence among older adults; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has the third highest death rate for unintentional falls in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Factors contributing to falls include: decreased lower body strength, balance, and endurance; complications from chronic conditions; use of medications; reduced vision; and unsafe home and community conditions; and

WHEREAS: Many falls and resulting injuries can be prevented; and

WHEREAS: Injuries from falls are a community health problem with many organizations, agencies, health care providers, and individuals working to raise awareness, commission research, and provide resources to prevent falls, and help those who suffer from fall complications.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2018, as:

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinn

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR