

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakotans over the age of 65 years are at an increased risk for fall-related injuries; and,

Whereas, South Dakota ranks fourth highest in the nation for unintentional fall-related deaths among individuals aged 65 years and older. The number of fall-related deaths increased 53% from 2011 to 2020; and,

Whereas, nationally \$50 billion was spent on medical costs related to fall related injuries in 2015; and,

Whereas, evidence-based prevention efforts to decrease falls are important to reducing the incidence and prevalence of injuries among older adults; and,

Whereas, the South Dakota Fall Prevention Coalition is a multi-disciplinary group of professionals working to increase knowledge about falls among older South Dakotans and implement evidence-based fall prevention solutions:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2022, as

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Kristi Noem

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Steven J. Barnett

Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State