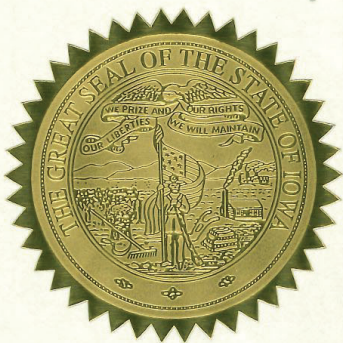
  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

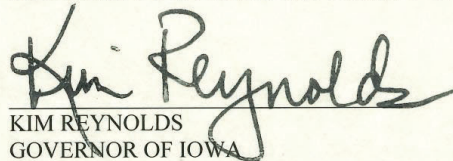
**PROCLAMATION**

- 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. The Iowa Department of Public Health, the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center, University of Iowa Health Care, and other partners across the state are committed to increasing public awareness on and education around the prevention of injuries within the state of Iowa:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, as**

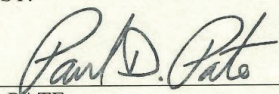
**INJURY PREVENTION DAY**



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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE