

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Falls among older Kentuckians have a devastating impact on the physical, emotional, and financial health of a person as well as their family and community; and

WHEREAS, Unintentional falls are the leading cause of fatal injuries and the leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits among elderly Kentucky residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, there were 45,154 fall-related visits to Kentucky emergency departments and over 9,000 fall-related inpatient hospitalizations for Kentucky residents aged 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, Falls are a leading cause of traumatic brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, Fall prevention strategies, including physical activity to improve balance and strength, medication management, regular health and vision checkups, and home safety assessments, have a positive impact on the quality of life for Kentucky seniors by helping them to remain healthy, active, and independent;

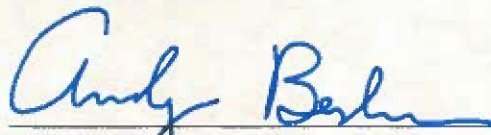
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 20-25, 2021, as

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 16th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One and in the 230th year of the Commonwealth.


ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State