



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, more than 19 percent of Florida's population is age 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries among people age 65 and older in Florida, resulting in 2,743 deaths in 2016, 53,321 non-fatal hospitalizations in 2016, and 164,165 non-fatal emergency department visits in 2016; and

WHEREAS, injuries from falls are largely a preventable community health problem; and

WHEREAS, falls prevention education is a key first step to increasing public awareness regarding older adult falls prevention and home safety; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the Florida Department of Health, local falls prevention coalitions, and Area Agencies on Aging, in partnership with Florida communities and residents, are working to increase awareness of this issue and encourage Florida residents to take steps to protect those who are at risk of falling;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 22, 2017, as *Falls Prevention Awareness Day in Florida*, and congratulate all state partners on *10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 21st day of September, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor