



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, in 2020, unintentional falls among Utahns age 65 and older led to more than 320 deaths, 3,566 hospitalizations, and 14,174 emergency department visits each year;

Whereas, falls can lead to depression, low mobility, and loss of functional independence;

Whereas, in 2020, the hospital charges for unintentional falls among Utahns age 65 and older exceeded \$178 million dollars;

Whereas, the financial toll for older adult falls is expected to increase as the population ages and may reach \$101 billion nationally by 2030; and,

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

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare September 18-24, 2022 as

Falls Prevention Week in Utah

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