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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor