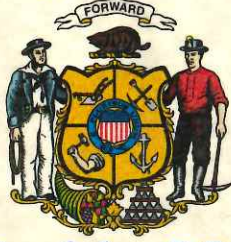


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; one-third of Americans age 65 and older experience a fall each year, resulting in an emergency department visit or hospitalization for a fall-related injury every 11 seconds in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; falls among Wisconsin seniors are the leading cause of fatal injury, ranking Wisconsin second in the nation for fall related deaths; and

*WHEREAS*; the Older Americans Act, reauthorized in 2016, supports effective community-based fall prevention programs that include physical activity to improve balance and strength, and partnerships with public health and private health care providers to help older adults maintain their health and be safe in their homes; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is a national leader in fall prevention research and the state's aging and public health networks are leaders in providing evidence-based programs to older citizens; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin joins the National Council on Aging (NCOA) in recognition of the Fall Prevention Day and Month awareness campaign – “Ready , Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016” and encourages use of NCOA’s best practices guide – Six Steps to Prevent a Fall;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

### FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

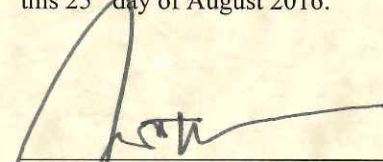
and further proclaim Thursday, September 22, 2016 as

### FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State