

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK** **SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to more than one million adults age 65 and older; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Between 2012-2021, the age-adjusted death rate due to falls among older adults age 65 years and older in Maryland increased from 60.2 per 100,000 in 2012, to 83.7 per 100,000 in 2021; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 2020, an estimated 212,692 Maryland adults over the age of 65 reported having fallen in the past 12 months; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Of the injury mechanisms examined, falls represented 62.4% of injury-related deaths among Marylanders over the age of 65 in 2020, making them the leading cause of injury-related deaths; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Injuries from falls are largely preventable; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The quality of life is improved for Maryland citizens, who remain independent, active, and free from fall-related injuries*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 as FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September  
Two Thousand and twenty-three

  
Governor

  
Lt. Governor

  
Secretary of State

Secretary of State