



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FALLS PREVENTION DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to 1,037,287 adults 65 years of age or older, which comprises over 10.7 percent of the state population; and
- WHEREAS: We can predict that while one out of three adults age 65 and older will fall each year, less than half of these individuals talk to their healthcare providers about falling or how to prevent it; and
- WHEREAS: In total, 36.5 percent of Georgians suffer from injuries related to falls each year. As older adults value their independence, a fall can significantly limit their ability to remain self-sufficient; and
- WHEREAS: At-risk adults can reduce their chances of falling through exercise, medication review, vision screening, and making their home safer. Evidence based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the Georgia Falls Prevention Coalition, in communion with the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, encourage an increase in the availability of evidence-based falls prevention and physical activity programs in community-based organizations serving older adults; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2014, as FALLS PREVENTION DAY in Georgia and encourage all citizens of our state to join me in this special observance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF