



STATE of MINNESOTA,

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Falls are the leading cause of injury deaths among people over the age of 65, as well as the leading cause of doctor visits, hospital admissions, emergency room visits, depression, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence; and
- WHEREAS: The causes that contribute to falls include lack of strength in lower extremities, use of four or more medications, reduced vision, chronic health problems, and unsafe home conditions; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has the fourth highest unintentional fall death rate in the country; and
- WHEREAS: Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of hospitalized injury and emergency room-treated injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Injuries from falls are largely a preventable community health problem, and many organizations, healthcare providers, and individuals continue to work to raise awareness and commission research and resources that may prevent falls and help those who suffer from complications stemming from a fall.

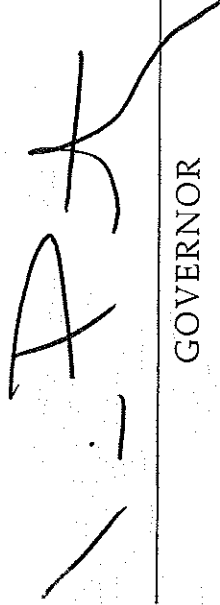
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 23, 2007, as:

FALL PREVENTION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE