



DECLARATION

WHEREAS: The Province of Alberta focuses on protecting and promoting the health of all Albertans, including injury prevention efforts and public education to reduce the incidence of accidental falls;

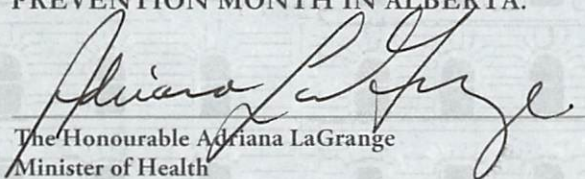
AND WHEREAS: Older adults are at risk of fatal fall-related injuries, as well as non-fatal fall related injuries that frequently result in disability, chronic pain, loss of independence and a reduced quality of life;

AND WHEREAS: Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalizations in Canada, costing the health care system billions and resulting in a significant number of emergency department visits, hospitalizations, disabilities and deaths;

AND WHEREAS: Everyone has a role to play in creating change to prevent falls and related injuries, and no one should experience a life-altering or life-ending injury from an accidental fall that could have been prevented;

AND WHEREAS: Alberta's government commends the valuable work of the Injury Prevention Centre and recognizes the ongoing public education efforts through the Finding Balance public awareness campaign to help reduce and prevent accidental falls.

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE ADRIANA LAGRANGE IS PROUD TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 2024 AS FALLS PREVENTION MONTH IN ALBERTA.


The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health