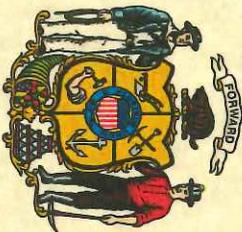


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## *Proclamations*

*WHEREAS*, the Older Americans Act, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, supports effective community-based falls prevention programs that include physical activity to improve balance and strength, while Medicare and Medicaid provide medication management, vision exams, and falls assessments to help older adults; 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, fall-prevention programs to older citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, community-based programs, in combination with public health and private health care practices, reduce the likelihood of falls and support older adults in maintaining their health and staying safe in their homes and communities; and

*WHEREAS*, falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of non-fatal, trauma-related hospital admissions among older adults; and

*WHEREAS*, a reduction in the incidents of disability and death due to falls for older adults is a priority of the State Health Plan – "Healthiest Wisconsin 2020;" and

*WHEREAS*, Wisconsin joins the National Council on Aging's Fall Prevention Day and Month awareness effort to be "Strong Today, Falls-Free Tomorrow;"

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015, as

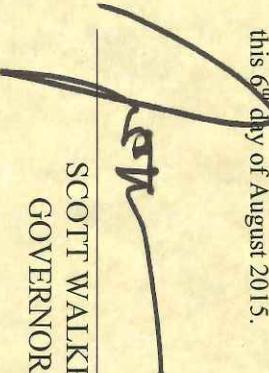
### FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

and further proclaim Wednesday, September 23, 2015, as

### FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

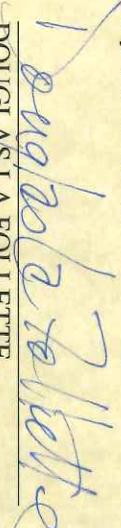
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State