



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children one-to-18 years old; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are a significant problem in Missouri with 134,133 young people under the age of 18 visiting emergency departments or needing hospitalization statewide in 2019; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the state; and

WHEREAS, while the number of injuries and deaths vary across the state, every county in Missouri is impacted by these events; and

WHEREAS, many of these injuries and deaths are preventable with the use of safety practices and equipment; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies, community organizations, and other partners are crucial in promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is deeply committed to promoting efforts in reducing injuries among children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, to be

CHILD INJURY PREVENTION DAY

in Missouri, and encourage all citizens to learn more about how to reduce injuries in children.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 25th day of October, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE