2021 PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE 18th of NOVEMBER TO BE

NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

This proclamation declares the 18th of November to be National Injury Prevention Day in the City of Sacramento

**WHEREAS**, preventable injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to US children ages 1 to 18; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Sacramento is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 54 percent of gun owners don’t lock all of their guns securely and an estimated 5.4 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun, an increase of 800,000 children since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, almost every single day, a child gets their hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or injures themselves or someone else in the US; and

**WHEREAS**, [research](https://everytownresearch.org/report/unload-lock-and-separate-secure-storage-practices-to-reduce-gun-violence/) shows that the best way to protect children and teens from accessing guns is to implement secure firearm storage practices; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors’ highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and

**WHEREAS**, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children; the City of Sacramento commends [Be SMART](http://besmartforkids.org), a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund and Moms Demand Action, and all involved in their endeavor to protect children from injury;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sacramento that we do hereby recognize the 18th of November to be National Injury Prevention Day and express dedication to creating a safe environment in Sacramento.

**ISSUED**: This 16th Day of November 2021