



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, unintentional injuries and violence are leading causes of death and disability to U.S. children ages 1 to 18; and

**WHEREAS**, Injuries and violence are a significant problem in Washington State, with drowning being the third leading cause of unintentional injury deaths among Washington's children 1 to 18 years; and

**WHEREAS**, King County is committed to creating a safe environment that contributes to the health and well-being of our children; and

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

**WHEREAS**, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries and violence among children; King County commends Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Seattle Children's, and *SPLASHForward* (a local nonprofit creating greater access to aquatics) and all involved in their endeavor to protect children from drowning.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2023 to be

## **National Injury Prevention Day**

in King County. I call upon County residents to join me in observing this important day, to participate fittingly in its observance, and to continue all efforts to reduce the risk of injury and violence in our County, the state, and the nation.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive