

PROCLAMATION

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, 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; and

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

WHEREAS, recognizing that lack of access to swim lessons and water safety education has put children and families of color at a disproportionate risk of drowning, the City of Seattle launched Swim Seattle, a drowning prevention and youth aquatics initiative to remove barriers to learning to swim and to eradicate disproportionate drownings among youth of color; and

WHEREAS, highlighting the importance of youth drowning prevention, Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Seattle Children's, SPLASHForward, and Amazon will co-host a free virtual student lifeguard workshop; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle commends Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Seattle Children's, and SPLASHForward for advancing the shared values of our One Seattle vision to build a city where every child, from every neighborhood, has access to opportunities to learn and grow, promising a safer future for our entire city.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
NOVEMBER 18, 2023 TO BE*

NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

