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Dear Mindy and the National Council on Aging:

I am pleased to recognize September 23, 2015 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Day" in the State of Montana.

In 2013, Montana had 132 deaths related to falls for adults aged 65 and older. Seniors live in constant risk of a fatal fall. Non-fatal fall injuries are still devastating to older adults and their way of life. This is a preventable tragedy, and Montanans are committed to ensuring that their elderly friends, family, and neighbors are well taken care of.

I commend the National Council on Aging for their efforts to increasing public awareness about this issue. By increasing awareness, we can help to prevent these serious falls that limit seniors' quality of life. Ensuring the safety of our older generations is an important commitment for the state of Montana.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize September 23, 2015 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Day".

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor