

# PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia is enormously proud of its reputation as a global leader in healthcare. We are home to a remarkable collection of world-class hospitals, doctors, medical schools, research facilities, and startups whose innovative techniques and successes add to our distinction in this sector. The City of Philadelphia supports the efforts of all organizations that work diligently to care for patients affected by disease and seek new advances in medicine to cure those suffering with these afflictions, and who are proactive about education to prevent medical issues.

Injuries are cited as the leading cause of death and disability to children in the United States who are 1-18 years old. Twenty children each day die from preventable injuries, resulting in a higher death rate than from all other diseases combined. However, with the use of safety practices and equipment, and through strong government policy and legislation, many of these injuries can be avoided.

In support of these efforts, the national nonprofit Injury Free Coalition for Kids is launching the first *National Injury Prevention Day* on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 along with centers and institutions around the country. The coalition is credited as being among the country's most effective injury prevention programs, having over 40 sites located in Level I Trauma Centers in 30 states in Federal Trauma Regions. Through hospital-based, community-oriented injury prevention programs, the work centers on research, education and advocacy.

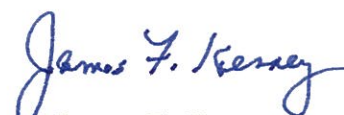
One such hospital involved in the effort is St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. A leader in pediatric care since 1875, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children has nationally recognized programs and pediatric specialists that provide exceptional care to children throughout the Greater Philadelphia area and from around the world. Their mission and leadership brought them to join this first *National Injury Prevention Day* as a local partner in bringing attention to this important cause and as a champion for children and their health and safety.

## THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 18, 2020 to be

## NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

in Philadelphia, and deeply commend the efforts of the medical community including St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and advocacy organizations like the Injury Free Coalition for Kids that work to bring awareness to the public about ways to decrease preventable injuries in children and youth in the United States.

  
James F. Kenney  
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this eighteenth day of November, two thousand and twenty

