**FALL PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** older adults in Canada have been and continue to be valued and important life-long contributors to the advancement of Canadian society;

**WHEREAS**, older adults are at risk of fatal fall-related injuries as well as non-fatal fall-related injuries that frequently result in disability, chronic pain, loss of independence and a reduced quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalizations and cost the healthcare system $9.1 billion (direct costs), resulting in 1.5M emergency department visits, 133,017 hospitalizations, 38,848 disabilities and 5,249 deaths;

**WHEREAS**, Fall Prevention Month is an annual call to action campaign that encourages Canadian organizations and individuals to come together to deploy fall prevention efforts each November for a co-ordinated and larger impact. Everyone has a role to play in creating change to prevent falls and fall-related injuries;

**THEREFORE**, I/We, ­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim **November as Fall Prevention Month**.