

Proclamation

FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

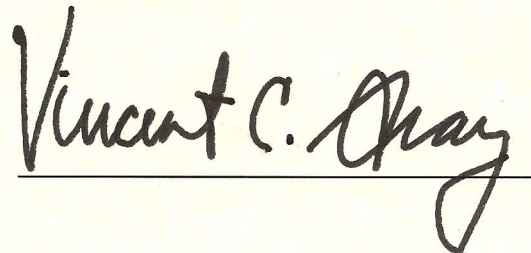


WHEREAS, it is estimated that 12% of the citizens of the District of Columbia's are age 65 and older and over the past year, DC Fire & EMS estimates that approximately 1,636 patients 65 and older have complained of some type of fall and approximately 79.2% were transported to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that the majority of falls that result in death occur in the home and the Office on Aging has a wide range of in-home support services to assist seniors with fall prevention strategies so that they can remain in their homes and continue to enjoy living independently; and

WHEREAS, injuries from falls are preventable, home safety measures, medication management, participation in balance and strength classes, and vision check-ups can help our seniors prevent falls:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2011 as "FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY" in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in increasing public awareness of fall prevention and help our seniors remain safe in their homes.



Vincent C. Gray

