



# The Senate of The State of Texas

## SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 781

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in recognizing September 25 through October 1, 2016, as Fall Prevention Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Fall Prevention Awareness Week was established by the Texas Legislature in 2009 to raise awareness of the dangers of falling faced by older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, approximately one million older Texans are expected to sustain falls, and the risk factors associated with falling increase with age; between 20 and 30 percent of older adults who fall require hospitalization, and many need to be placed in nursing homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Studies have shown that the incidence of falls can be reduced by as much as 50 percent through the use of fall prevention education programs, physical activity programs, and improvements to the home environment; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Falls Prevention Coalition has through the years played an important role in disseminating best practices for reducing risk of falls throughout Texas; and

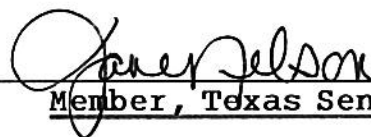
**WHEREAS**, It is vitally important that older Texans learn of the hazards associated with falling, and Fall Prevention Awareness Week provides an excellent opportunity for people to participate in awareness efforts; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby call on Texans across the state to be aware of the risks and dangers that falling poses to older adults and encourage all citizens to observe Fall Prevention Awareness Week; and, be it further

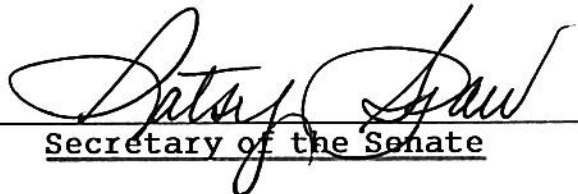
**PROCLAIMED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Nelson



  
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Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Proclamation was adopted.\_\_\_\_\_

  
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Secretary of the Senate