



## Agenda Memorandum

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City Council Meeting  
May 22, 2023



### **Strategic Priority 1: Preparedness and Resilience**

Build a system of intentional support for residents, businesses and the environment that mitigates risks and proactively seeks out ways to ensure the community not only endures, but thrives.



### **Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety**

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster. Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.

**Subject:** Proclamation for June as Safety Month in 2023

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### **Recommended City Council Action:**

Mayor McNally to proclaim the month of June as City of Westminster's "Safety Month." This is in support of the National Safety Council's (NSC) designation of National Safety Month and in recognition of the significant contributions of the Citywide Safety Committee and Staff's ongoing efforts to enhance the safety culture of the City.

### **Summary Statement:**

- The Mayor and City Council are being requested to proclaim the month of June 2023 as the City of Westminster's "Safety Month."
- The purpose of the proposed proclamation is to place a spotlight on:
  - The efforts of City employees embracing new and innovative ways to increase awareness and participation in programs that prevent workplace injuries and to improve overall safety at work.
  - The efforts of the Citywide Safety Committee, which is comprised of representatives from each department, who meet monthly to review injuries and accidents and support their colleagues in identifying areas for safety improvement.

- The efforts of the City to exceed the minimum loss control standards set out by the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA). As a member of CIRSA, the City benefits from preventing and mitigating losses.
- The job-specific training performed by individual divisions as well as the City's commitment to provide behavioral-based safety instruction for the betterment of employee's habits on and off the job.
- Promoting a thriving culture that places a high level of importance on safety beliefs, values, and attitudes. The safety and health of our employees is a top priority and vital to the well-being of the people that are served.
- Safety contributions by City employees support the City's Strategic Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$0 in expenditures.

**Source of Funds:**

Not applicable.

**Policy Issue(s):**

None identified.

**Alternative(s):**

None identified.

**Background Information:**

In 1996, the National Safety Council established June as National Safety Month. The aim of this designation was to increase awareness of the leading safety and health risks and ultimately decrease the number of unintentional injuries and deaths in the United States. This year's special focus will continue to be on musculoskeletal issues in addition to emergency preparedness, preventing slips, trips, and falls, heat related injuries, and hazard recognition. Each week in June will have a special focus which Risk Management will promote:

**Week 1 – Emergency Preparedness:** Emergencies can strike anywhere and at any time, bringing workplace injuries and illnesses with them. Employees may be required to deal with an emergency when it is least expected. Proper planning *before* an emergency is necessary to respond effectively.

**Week 2 – Slips, Trips and Falls:** Falls on the same level are the second leading type of preventable injury at work and affect every industry and workplace. Work-related slip, trip, and fall incidents can result in serious, disabling injuries, lost workdays or death, and can be avoided.

**Week 3 – Heat-Related Illness:** Heat-related illness affects workers in many industries in both indoor and outdoor worksites. Although illness from exposure to heat is preventable, every year, thousands become sick from occupational heat exposure, and some cases are fatal.

**Week 4 – Hazard Recognition:** We can create a safer work environment by showing employees how to recognize hazards, report concerns, attend training, and follow incident prevention measures. The acknowledgement of employee participation and engagement is a cornerstone of an effective safety program.

Recognition of the safety contributions made by City employees supports the City's Strategic Plan Priority of Preparedness and Resilience and Proactive Public Safety. By maintaining a safety and loss control program and working to prevent claims to the City, City employees strive to keep City streets and facilities safe for the Public.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Attachments:**

Proclamation for June as Safety Month in 2023