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RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

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STRATEGIC THEME: Belonging: Transform our learning culture toward creating a sense of belonging and well-being for every student; Workforce: Respond to community and workforce needs by developing a culture of agility; Enterprise: Cultivate a long-term sustainable college enterprise

REPORT: Since June 1996, many academic institutions and industries nationwide have joined the National Safety Council (NSC) in recognizing National Safety Month (NSM) and striving to reduce or eliminate workplace injuries. The NSC is the United States' leading nonprofit safety advocate, focused on eliminating the leading causes of preventable injuries and death. In 2024, PCC recognized NSM for the first time through a day-long outreach event at each campus, in partnership with Emergency Management, Public Safety, Risk and the Health and Emergency Professions academic teams. The event focused on PCC's leading cause of preventable injuries, slips, trips and falls, suffered by both employees and students.

PCC's leading cause of workplace injuries, slips, trips and falls, represent 37.9% of all PCC workplace injuries during the period of 2022-2024. Slips, trips and falls have an impact not only on injured employees but also their co-workers, students and the broader community. Slips, trips and falls are preventable and recognizing National Safety Month is an effective way to help educate students and staff on how to mitigate this risk, while we improve PCC's safety culture. Furthermore, recognizing and celebrating National Safety Month will assist PCC in creating a sense of belonging and well-being for students and staff. Ultimately, recognizing National Safety Month will serve PCC's strategic initiatives and continue to foster PCC's culture of agility and resilience.

RECOMMENDATION: College Operations, Environmental Health & Safety, Public Safety, Risk Services, Healthcare & Emergency Professions, PCC's Emergency Preparedness Manager and other academic and operational departments recommend that the PCC Board of Directors resolve to annually recognize June as National Safety Month and join other institutions of higher education in preventing injuries that affect everyone at PCC.