Whereas, pressure ulcers develop in persons due to pressure and shear on the soft tissues; and

- Over 2.5 million US residents develop pressure ulcers every year.
- More patients develop pressure ulcers than develop cancer every year.
- About 60,000 people each year die with pressure ulcers.
- Pressure ulcers cost $9.1 billion to $11.6 billion per year in the United States with the cost for individual patient care ranging from $20,900 to $151,700 per pressure ulcer.
- More than 17,000 lawsuits are related to pressure ulcers annually being the second most common claim after wrongful death and greater than claims for falls or emotional distress.
- Pressure ulcers lead to suffering and emotional distress for both patients and family members.
- Pressure ulcers can often be prevented through interdisciplinary teamwork following evidence-based care.

Whereas, Pressure Ulcer Awareness day is being proclaimed in Europe and South America; and

Whereas, the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers;

Therefore; be it resolved that the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel hereby designates every November 16 as Pressure Ulcer Awareness Day in the United States and encourage all health care providers, patients, families of patients, businesses, public and private agencies, media, and educational institutions to increase awareness of pressure ulcers and participate in pressure ulcer awareness activities throughout that week, joining the rest of the world in promoting Pressure Ulcer Awareness.