



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Proclamation

Presented this 17th day of November 2016

WHEREAS, pressure injuries (bedsores) claim the lives of more than 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare system more than \$11 billion annually; and,

WHEREAS, prevention can help reduce the high incidence of pressure injuries and the substantial pain associated with pressure-related injuries that may develop into ulcers, which can lead to death; and,

WHEREAS, healthcare costs between 2007 and 2012 increased by 17.64 percent as a direct result of pressure injuries; prevention of pressure injuries reduces the financial burden to the State of Illinois for unnecessary healthcare costs because many pressure injuries are preventable;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois, do hereby recognize November 17, 2016, and the third Thursday in November each year as *PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY* throughout Illinois.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

