

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services noted that no other preventable event occurs as frequently as pressure-related injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016 as

PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 17th
day of October in the year of our
Lord 2016 and of the Independence
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

