



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, pressure injuries (bedsores) develop in individuals due to pressure and shear on the soft tissues; and

WHEREAS, pressure injuries develop in more than 2.5 million United States residents per year and claim the lives of roughly 60,000 people per year; and

WHEREAS, treating pressure injuries costs the United States healthcare system more than \$11 billion annually, with healthcare costs between 2007 and 2012 increasing by 17.64 percent as a direct result of pressure injuries; and

WHEREAS, prevention of pressure injuries reduces the financial burden to the State of New Jersey for unnecessary healthcare costs and will reduce its high incidence and the substantial pain associated pressure-related injuries that may develop into ulcers, which a high percentage of resultant ulcers lead to death; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

AS

PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirty-first day of October in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR