



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Ulcers, a pressure ulcer or injury is a localized injury to the skin or tissue, typically over a bone area, caused by pressure in combination with strain or shear;

Ulcers, awareness, among health care professionals and home care providers, of the painful and life threatening impacts of pressure injury will assist in preventing the likelihood of this painful condition afflicting the aging community or those who have suffered debilitating injury;

Ulcers, pressure ulcers are often preventable yet occur frequently throughout the world, impacting nearly 60,000 people each year;

Ulcers, pressure ulcers significantly increase hospital costs, typically falling between \$500 USD and \$70,000 USD per visit, and accumulatively reaching \$11 Billion in annual care within the United States; and,

Ulcers, it is important to increase awareness for pressure ulcer prevention in the state of Utah and to educate the public on this topic;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare November 17, 2016, as

Pressure Ulcer/Injury Prevention Day.

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