

# Proclamation



## PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

WHEREAS, pressure injuries claim the lives of over 60,000 people each year and the annual cost to the United States healthcare system is over \$1. Billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, prevention of these pressure injuries will reduce the high incidence and the substantial pain associated pressure-related injuries; and

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

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

WHEREAS, everyone can play a role in helping to reduce pressure related injuries:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016 in Washington, DC as "PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY".



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.