



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries, also known as bedsores, claim the lives of over 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare 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, a high percentage of which lead to death; and
- WHEREAS: Prevention of pressure injuries also reduces the financial burden for unnecessary healthcare costs, which increased by 17.6 percent between 2007 and 2012 as a direct result of pressure injuries; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reports that no other preventable event occurs as frequently as pressure-related injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Raising awareness of pressure injuries and educating caregivers is an effective way to reduce the incidence of these preventable injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2016, as:

## PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE