



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries, also known as bedsores, claim the lives of more than 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare system more than \$11 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS: Prevention can reduce the incidence of pressure injuries and the substantial pain associated with pressure-related injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Some pressure injuries 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 health care costs, which increased 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 events occur 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 16, 2017, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE