

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pressure injury-related complications (bedsores) claim lives of over 60,000 people each year and cost the United States' healthcare system over \$9-11 billion annually. 2.5 million Americans get pressure injuries every year, and over the past 5 years, there has been a disturbing trend of more severe pressure injuries; and

WHEREAS: Prevention will reduce the high incidence of pressure injuries and the substantial pain associated with pressure-related injuries that lead to death due to complications; and

WHEREAS: Reducing pressure injures decreases the financial burden to the State of Arkansas for unnecessary healthcare costs associated with this preventable condition; and

WHEREAS: No other preventable event in a hospital occurs as frequently as pressure-related injuries, and the State of Arkansas seeks to decrease this occurrence among patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

**PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State