

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pressure injury-related complications (bedsores) claim lives of an estimated 60,000 people each year. Bedsores cost the United States' healthcare system up to \$11.6 billion annually, one to three million Americans get pressure injuries every year, and there has been an increase 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 can lead to death; and

WHEREAS: Reducing pressure injuries 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State