

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

WHEREAS: Pressure-related injuries are one of the most common preventable complications of hospitalization, 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 17th, 2022, as

PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

and I encourage all of our citizens to recognize that pressure injuries are preventable, and we can all play a role in reducing their impact.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State