

November 21, 2024

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to join the Commonwealth in recognizing November 21, 2024, as Pressure Injury Awareness Day.

Pressure injuries, commonly known as bedsores, is localized damage to the skin and soft tissue, and occurs as a result of an intense or prolonged pressure in combination with shear. It affects more than 2.5 million people in the United States and claims the lives of over 60,000 Americans yearly. It's important to raise awareness about pressure injuries and to highlight the importance of making advancements in the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries. Pressure Injury Awareness Day represents an opportunity for the community to come together to raise awareness for affected individuals. I am appreciative of the commitment of those working to make the public more aware of this topic to increase education and prevention. With continued advocacy, I am confident these efforts will have a positive impact on others for many years to come.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am honored to recognize November 21, 2024, as Pressure Injury Awareness Day. I encourage everyone to join the efforts to raise awareness of this topic. Please accept my best wishes for continued success and awareness.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of November two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Handwritten signature of Governor Josh Shapiro in blue ink.

Governor Josh Shapiro