

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, pressure injuries (bedsores) claim the lives of over 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare system over \$11 billion annually, 2.5 million Americans get pressure injuries every year, over the past 5 years, we have seen 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 may develop into pressure injuries, which a high percentage of resultant pressure injuries lead to death; and

Whereas, healthcare costs between 2007 and 2012 increased by 17.64% as a direct result of pressure injuries, prevention of pressure injuries reduces the financial burden to the state of West Virginia for unnecessary healthcare costs; because many pressure injuries are preventable; and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services noted that no other preventable event occurs as frequently as pressure-related injuries.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 16, 2023* as:

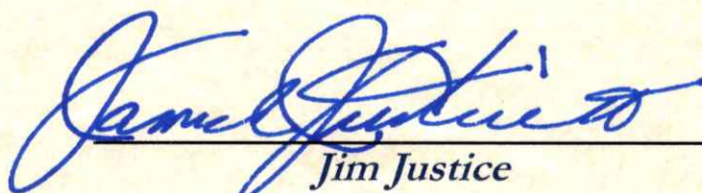
Worldwide Pressure Injury Prevention Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State