

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, pressure injuries (bedsores) claim lives of over 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare system over \$11 billion annually; and

Whereas, 2.5 million Americans get pressure injuries every year, and over the past 5 years, we have seen 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 become more severe; and

Whereas, prevention of pressure injuries reduces the financial burden to the State of West Virginia for unnecessary healthcare costs; and

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

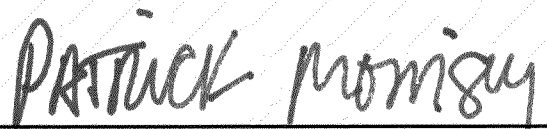
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 20, 2025* as:

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 Third Day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State