GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

November 19, 2026

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to join the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Programs in recognizing November 19, 2026, as Pressure Injury Awareness Day.

Pressure injuries, commonly known as bedsores, affect more than 2.5 million people in the United States. Pressure injuries cause pain and create an increased risk of infections. Although primarily a preventable condition, these injuries claim the lives of over 60,000 Americans yearly. In addition to life-threatening complications, pressure injuries increase healthcare costs and can have many negative impacts on the lives of those afflicted with this condition. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Programs continues its Skin Integrity Initiative to provide education, training, and technical assistance to reduce the incidence and severity of pressure injuries. I am certain that Pressure Injury Prevention Day will continue to highlight the importance of making advancements in the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am honored to recognize November 19, 2026, as Pressure Injury Awareness Day. 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 nineteenth day of November two thousand twenty-six the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fifty-first.

Governor Josh Shapiro