



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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**GREETINGS:**

It is my pleasure to join with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Programs and the commonwealth's medical professionals, families, parents, researchers, and advocates to support November 19, 2020, as Pressure Injury Prevention Day.

Pressure injuries, commonly known as bedsores, often develop into ulcers and cause immense pain. Although primarily a preventable injury, 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 has launched a 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 the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am honored to offer my support for November 19, 2020, as Pressure Injury Prevention Day. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in your mission.



*Tom Wolf*  
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Governor  
November 19, 2020