



Proclamation

Presented this 4th day of June 2018

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade; and,

WHEREAS, the rising incidence of these chronic wounds is fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and,

WHEREAS, untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb; and,

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4 percent of the population) have diabetes in the United States; almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and,

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and,

WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby recognize June 4-8, 2018, as **WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK** in Illinois to inform patients, their families, community physicians, and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.*



Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

