

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

WOUND CARE AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 4 - 8, 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 2 percent annually for the next decades. The rising incidence 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. The chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and*
- WHEREAS,** *More than 30.3 million people have diabetes in the United States and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound. Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients, and seeing their patients succeed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 4 - 8, 2018 as WOUND CARE AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of June
Two Thousand and eighteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wolk
Secretary of State