



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

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. 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.

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4 percent of the population) have diabetes in the United States and nearly 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. The Healogics mission of "helping as many patients as they can, everywhere they can, by the best means available," is the guiding light for the treatment of chronic wound; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Month 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, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 4-8, 2018 to be

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of April, 2018.



Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State