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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize June 4-8, 2018 as "Wound Care Awareness Week" in the state of Montana.

An estimated 6.7 million people currently live with chronic wounds, and that number is expected to increase steadily over the next decade. This rise can be attributed to an aging population and growing rates of diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy. If left untreated, chronic wounds may lead to amputation and a reduced quality of life. To combat the negative effects of chronic wounds, it is essential to raise awareness about wound care and treatment options.

I commend the efforts of Healogics, Inc. to raise awareness and appreciate their dedication to advancing wound treatment and healing in Montana. Missoula, Butte, and Billings are home to the state of Montana's three Healogics wound clinics. Thank you to all who are involved in these clinics for providing important care to Montanans. Advanced wound care programs ensure patients, doctors, and the public are aware of the dangers of chronic wounds and informed about how to treat them.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize June 4-8, 2018 as "Wound Care Awareness Week."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor