

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the rising incidence of individuals living with 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 this chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the health care system; and

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4% of population) have diabetes in the United States and almost 2 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, advanced 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, and the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to provide education and awareness to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.

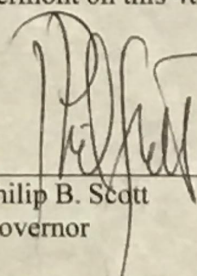
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 4 – 8, 2018 as

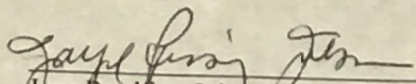
WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of June, A.D. 2018




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs