

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- 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; and
- Whereas,** more than 30.3 million people (9.4% of population) have diabetes in the United States (US) and 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,** 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
- Whereas,** 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, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 4-8, 2018* as:

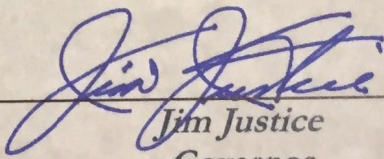
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

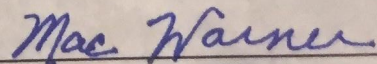
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State