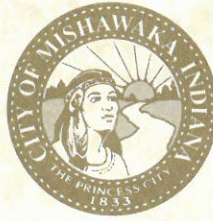


City of Mishawaka



Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and the number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade. It is estimated that 7,651 Michiana residents are currently living with chronic wounds; and,

WHEREAS, 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; and,

WHEREAS, the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; more than 29.1 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; and,

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effect way; and,

WHEREAS, wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients and seeing their patients succeed. Awareness of education and chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients; and,

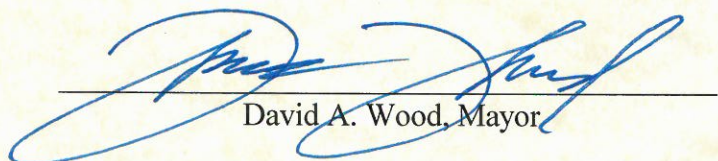
NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Wood, Mayor of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the week of June 5th – June 9th in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeenth, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty First, and of Mishawaka's founding, the One Hundred and Eighty Fourth, as

“Wound Care Awareness Week”

in the City of Mishawaka to help 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.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Mishawaka to be affixed this 5th day of June, 2017.


David A. Wood, Mayor