

**Whereas**, an estimated 6.7 million people currently suffer with chronic wounds; and

**Whereas**, the rising occurrence of chronic wounds is fueled by an aging population and rising rates of disease such as diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy; and

**Whereas**, non-healing wounds are vulnerable to infection and 30 percent of those struggling with a non-healing wound undergo an amputation; and

**Whereas**, wound care treatment and healthy diabetes management go together by advocating for weight control, exercise, and healthy blood sugar levels; 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**, Oklahoma recognizes the devastating effects that chronic wounds have on a patient's quality of life and encourages programs that support wound healing awareness, research and professional and public education;

**Now, Therefore, I, I. Kevin Stitt, Governor,** do hereby proclaim the week of June 3rd, 2019, as

## "Wound Care Awareness Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma
City, this 21 day of Mary, in the
Year of Our Lord two thousand and ninetern
and of the State of Oklahoma in the Dre hundred
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