

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people are currently living with chronic wounds, and that number is expected to grow steadily over the next decade, 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, more than 30 million people in the United States have diabetes, nearly 2 million of whom will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

WHEREAS, because untreated chronic wounds can lead to a diminished quality of life and possible loss of limb, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster, more cost-efficient way; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and education about chronic wounds and advanced wound care can benefit current and future patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3 - 7, 2019, as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help call attention to the importance of advanced wound care and its role in saving lives and limbs.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA