

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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, and it is believed 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 the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the health care system; and

WHEREAS, around 30 million people (9.4% of the 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 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 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, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 3-7, 2019 as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of May, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs