



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.5 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

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 possible amputation of an affected limb, and the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$25 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 healthcare 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, Wound Care Awareness Week informs 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, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize June 3-7, 2019, as **WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth