

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 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, with the rising incidence 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; and

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4% of the population) 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 fast, cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, advanced wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients and seeing them succeed; and

WHEREAS, 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 3-7, 2019, as

Wound Care Awareness Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 21st day of May, 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

