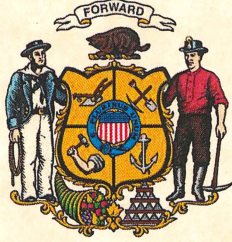


# STATE of WISCONSIN



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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; it is estimated that 6.5 million people currently live with chronic wounds in the United States, a number that is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade due to increasing aging populations and 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 approximately \$50 billion to the United States healthcare system; and

*WHEREAS*; more than 30 million people have diabetes in the United States and nearly two million of those individuals 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, 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, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 3-7, 2019 as

### WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State