

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, over 7 million people in the U.S. live with chronic wounds due to the lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the benefits of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT); and*

*WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and others recognize 14 indications of HBOT, a treatment option for wounds, infections, or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, a treatment option for patients who suffer from side effects of radiation therapy, HBOT is believed to help patients by stimulating growth of new blood vessels following radiation-induced damage; and*

*WHEREAS, HBOT is most commonly used in the treatment of diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis, among many other types of wounds; and*

*WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness USA™ and the Hyperbaric Aware™ campaign aim to spread awareness of HBOT to benefit individuals suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds, and diabetes;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be*

## **HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to raise awareness of treatment options for those suffering from chronic wounds.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor