

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's 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 due to 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, 34.2 million Americans have diabetes and 2 million are struggling to heal a diabetic foot ulcer, which is why it is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers, 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 which represent a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system will benefit current and future chronic wound patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 7-11, 2021 to be

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana 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.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor