

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly seven 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 ageing 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, more than 37 million Americans have diabetes and almost two million are struggling to heal a diabetic foot ulcer. It is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers or non-healing wounds, and advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and*

*WHEREAS, wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patient 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 6-10, 2022*

### **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