

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, more than 8 million people in the United States live with chronic wounds, but lack of awareness of advanced wound care and benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy leaves many people without access to life changing care; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a proven treatment option for wounds, infections, and injuries that have not responded to standard treatment, and there are currently fifteen indications for HBOT recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other third-party payors; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is most commonly used for the treatment of diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and

WHEREAS, over 34 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, with 25 percent of them estimated to develop a foot ulcer. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy provides necessary oxygenation to prevent amputation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2023

HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to raise awareness of hyperbaric medical treatment.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor