



State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people in the United States currently live with chronic wounds, and that number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the rising incidence is fueled by 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 possible amputation of the affected limb; the chronic wound epidemic represents an estimated cost of more than \$50 billion per year to the American health care system; and

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people in the United States – or roughly 9.4 percent of the population – have diabetes, and an estimated 15 percent of individuals affected by diabetes will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective manner; wound care physicians and health care providers strive to ensure their patients are able to live full and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina supports raising awareness and education about chronic wounds to support current and future chronic wound patients and their families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians, and the public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4 – 8, 2018, as “**WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.