

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, the rising incidence is attributed 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 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

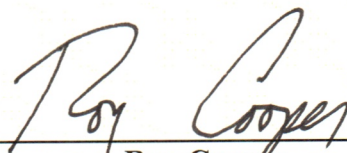
**WHEREAS**, wound care physicians and health care providers strive to ensure the success of their patients through supportive and efficient practices; advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective manner; and

**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 3 – 7, 2019, as “**WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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 seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.