



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## 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; 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 possibly amputation of the affected limb; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 30.3 million people or 9.4 percent of the population have diabetes in the United States and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wounds; and
- WHEREAS,** advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way by physicians and health care providers who take great pride in caring for their patients, and seeing them succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to highlight the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 3 - 7, 2019 as

**WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of June  
A. D. 2019.*

  
Governor of Louisiana